

PROPOSAL 162 – 5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

Close waters of the Northern District between zero and one and one-half miles offshore to commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear when Bear River and/or Nelson River sockeye salmon escapements do not meet objectives, as follows:

At any time between June 1st and September 30 salmon season, should the Bear River and/or Nelson River fall short of adequate escapement, the drift fleet will revert back to the 1.5 to 3 mile "away from shore" regulation.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The *sustainability* of the Bear River and Nelson River Fishery due to the mismanagement of the North Peninsula Fishery between June 1 to September 30 salmon season.

Under the current management, the Bear River and/or Nelson River escapement will be depleted and will no longer have a fishery.

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