<u>PROPOSAL 179</u> – 5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan. Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to establish that 40 percent of the sockeye salmon taken in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections are considered to be of Chignik River origin, as follows:

5 AAC 09.360(f) is amended to read:

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(f) The estimate of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River has been determined to be <u>40%</u> [80%] of the sockeye salmon harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Sections.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Genetic Stock Assessment for the SEDM indicated the actual percentage of Chignik bound salmon caught in the SEDM is lower than 80%.