

PROPOSAL 82 – 5 AAC 01.336. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. Establish and adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for herring spawn on kelp in waters of the Togiak District, as follows:

5 AAC 01.336(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(b) The board finds that

(3) X,XXX – X,XXX pounds of herring spawn on kelp in the waters of the Togiak District as described in 5 AAC 27.805(a) are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses in the Bristol Bay Area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 5 AAC 01.336 there are two customary and traditional use findings, one for all finfish and one for herring spawn on kelp in the Togiak District (5 AAC 01.336(a)). The board has adopted amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for salmon and finfish other than salmon. There are no specific findings for the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for herring spawn on kelp. Recent data collected in the area includes comprehensive surveys in Togiak, Aleknagik, and Manokotak for the 2008 study year and Dillingham for the 2010 study year. The department conducted directed herring spawn on kelp harvest assessment surveys in the Togiak District to document the harvest, use, and sharing patterns associated with this unique finfish resource annually from 2011 to 2015.

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