

PROPOSAL 91 – 5 AAC 27.850. Closed waters in Bristol Bay Area. Redefine the description of closed waters for the Togiak herring fishery by deleting references to department regulatory markers, as follows:

5 AAC 27.850 is amended to read:

5 AAC 27.850. Closed waters in Bristol Bay Area. (a) Metervik Bay is closed to herring fishing north of a line from **a point at** [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] 58° 49.10' N. lat., 159° 47.25' W. long. to **a point at** [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] 58° 49.97' N. lat., 159° 45.75' W. long. This closure does not apply to the taking of herring spawn on kelp.

(b) Ungalikthluk Bay is closed to the taking of herring north of a line from [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] Rocky Point **at 58° 53.25' N. lat., 160° 14.25' W. long. to a point** [(58° 53.25' N. LAT., 160° 14.25' W. LONG. TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER] at 58° 51.90' N. lat., 160° 09.75' W. long. This closure does not apply to the taking of herring spawn on kelp.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove reference to department regulatory markers from the description of closed waters. The department has switched to latitude and longitude coordinates to define open and closed areas and no longer maintains regulatory markers. Removing references to regulatory markers that are no longer maintained will help clarify the regulations.

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