

PROPOSAL 112

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pound fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7.

Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery, as follows:

(C) Guideline Harvest Range for Herring (Tons)

(D) Guideline Harvest Range for Herring (Tons)

A harvest of 0,273 tons of spawn-on-kelp per ton of herring shall be allowed in the open pound fishery for spawn-on-kelp. The closed pound fishery should be shut down until the dead loss of herring and a harvest metric based on weight can be determined.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Alaska Department of Fish and Game did a study in Sitka and determined a percentage of harvest, based on weight, that represents the extraction from the herring biomass when harvesting spawn-on-kelp using the open pound method. This study was based upon the open pound experimental fishery conducted in 1998 & 1999. The regulations should now use weight, in the open pound fishery, as the determining factor for herring spawn on kelp harvest, not the number of kelp blades.

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