

PROPOSAL 146

5 AAC 33.364. Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan.

Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in *Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan* gear-specific value allocations, as follows:

Removing all private non profits (PNPs) from the southeast Alaska area enhanced salmon allocation management plan would then provide for a simple and just system of producing, taxing and spending to achieve allocation percentages set forth in the allocation plan the current system allows for abuse and manipulation by one gear group or another based on incomplete data while taxes are still collected on all gear groups. Prince William Sound also removed PNPs from their allocation plan in accordance with the removal of wild fish, as the contribution from PNPs is difficult to fully ascertain and provide equally for all users. PNPs operate in gear specific areas geographically and do not have equal gear group representation, nor do they receive enhancement taxes to fund future projects. Removing PNP production from the overall plan would satisfy the intent of the allocation percentages set forth in the allocation plan without undue manipulation by PNPs production.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently the se Alaska allocation area enhanced salmon management plan requires collection of salmon enhancement taxes from all parts of se Alaska, which only go to the two regional aquaculture associations, NSRAA and SSRRA. There are multiple private non profit (PNPs) hatcheries that also produce enhanced fish but do not receive salmon enhancement taxes. Production from these PNPs however is taxed in each area in which the fish are caught. Money collected is supposed to be spent on gear specific projects in order to meet the allocation percentages set forth in the se salmon allocation plan. The regional associations are the only recipients of enhancement taxes. Each regional association also is set up to provide for gear specific representation. Private non profits (PNPs) are not required to have gear specific representation and may not be located in areas to benefit all gear groups. Production from the PNPs cannot be evenly distributed to all gear groups without severe and major upheaval in all fishing districts as fishing districts are currently set aside for various gear groups with limited crossover. Each regional association has fishing areas available to all three gear groups. However, the production from the PNPs is utilized in determining allocation of enhanced fish amongst all gear groups, even though the PNPs do not receive the salmon enhancement tax and do not have a fair just process for divvying up enhanced salmon production as the regional associations are set up to provide.

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