PROPOSAL 153

5 AAC 33.360. District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan.

Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

[ON AND AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY IN DISTRICT 1, WHEN A PURSE SEINE FISHERY IS HARVESTING PINK SALMON STOCKS SUBJECT TO CONCURRENT SALMON FISHING BY DRIFT GILLNETS IN SECTION 1-B, THE FOLLOWING TIME FORMULA APPLIES:

- (1) WHEN THE PURSE SEINE FISHERY IS OPEN FOR ANY PORTION OF ONE DAY DURING A FISHING WEEK, THE DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY MUST BE OPEN FOR 48 HOURS DURING THE SAME FISHING WEEK;
- (2) WHEN THE PURSE SEINE FISHERY IS OPEN FOR ANY PORTION OF TWO DAYS DURING A FISHING WEEK, THE DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY MUST BE OPEN FOR 96 HOURS DURING THE SAME FISHING WEEK;
- (3) WHEN THE PURSE SEINE FISHERY IS OPEN FOR ANY PORTION OF THREE OR MORE DAYS DURING A FISHING WEEK, THE DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY MUST BE OPEN FOR 120 HOURS DURING THE SAME FISHING WEEK.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The gillnet fleet is not managed for pink salmon abundance, so it doesn't make sense to link the seine opportunity to gillnet access. When these regulations were adopted, gillnet opportunities in 1-B were significantly less than they are today. The success of the Nakat enhanced production in this area has generated opportunity far beyond wild pink salmon abundance opportunities. We view this as housekeeping.

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