

PROPOSAL 155

5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.

Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery, as follows:

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[(2)THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLOSE THE SEINE FISHERY IN DISTRICT 12 NORTH OF POINT MARSDEN DURING JULY AFTER 15,000 WILD SOCKEYE SALMON ARE TAKEN, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH; DURING THE OPENINGS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL USE AERIAL FLYOVERS, ON-THE-GROUND SAMPLING INTERVIEWS, AND FISH TICKETS TO ESTIMATE THE SOCKEYE SALMON HARVEST NORTH OF POINT MARSDEN IN DISTRICT 12 AND IN THE AMALGA HARBOR SPECIAL HARVEST AREA IN DISTRICT 11; HATCHERY-PRODUCED SOCKEYE SALMON WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST THE 15,000 SOCKEYE SALMON HARVEST LIMIT; THE WILD SOCKEYE SALMON HARVEST THAT WILL COUNT AGAINST THE 15,000 SOCKEYE SALMON HARVEST LIMIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ALL WILD SOCKEYE SALMON HARVESTED BY SEINE VESSELS THAT THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIES AS FISHING NORTH OF POINT MARSDEN IN DISTRICT 12 DURING ANY JULY FISHING PERIOD WHEN OTHER AREAS ARE OPEN CONCURRENTLY; AND

(B) THROUGH THE 2017 SEASON, UP TO 2,000 WILD SOCKEYE SALMON HARVESTED IN COMMON PROPERTY FISHERIES IN THE AMALGA HARBOR SPECIAL HARVEST AREA IN DISTRICT 11 WHEN THE ENTIRE COMMON PROPERTY HARVEST AREA IS OPEN.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Foregone opportunity by the purse seine fleet on north and south bound pink salmon stocks that are excess to escapement needs.

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