

**PROPOSAL 165**

**5 AAC 30.350. Closed waters.**

Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location, as follows:

5 AAC 30.350 (a)(12) is amended to read:

(2) Tsiu/**Tsivat** [R]rivers: upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately [ONE-HALF] **three-quarters of a** mile downstream from Duck Camp Island, **and upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one-half mile upstream from the confluence of the Tsiu/Tsivat rivers.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The area description for closed waters on the Tsiu River is no longer applicable due to geophysical changes in the river channel. One major and two minor overflow channels from the Tsivat River have cut across the sand flats inland of the Tsiu River and the major overflow channel is the new migration route for coho salmon. This new confluence of the Tsiu and Tsivat rivers is approximately one mile downstream of Duck Camp Island. Salmon are no longer migrating up the Tsiu River, instead entering the Tsivat River well before they reach the current upper markers. This proposal will provide a more accurate description of closed waters that describes the current situation.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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