PROPOSAL 173

5 AAC 29.114. District 12 and District 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fisheries Management Plan.

Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision, as follows:

Delete [(e) The provisions of this section do not apply after December 31, 2017.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Sunset of District 12 and District 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fisheries Management Plan.

Without adoption of this proposal or extending the deadline this productive troll fishery will end. Trollers, tenders, fish processors, the communities of Hoonah, Elfin Cove, Gustavus, Excursion Inlet, Juneau, Haines, and other SE communities with troll residents will suffer. Consumers who appreciate high quality brite, troll handled, chum salmon will be denied. The Chinook salmon resource will benefit as less trailers will be targeting Chinook salmon.