

**PROPOSAL 95**

**5 AAC 27.110. Fishing seasons for Southeastern Alaska Area.**

Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C, as follows:

(b)(1)(F):

I would like to see the current language of 5 AAC 27.110 (b) (1) (F) repealed and thus close herring fishing in sections 15-B and 15-C

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I would like to delete fishing district 15 – B and 15-C from the areas open for herring sac roe fishing.

In the 1960's through 1982 there was a herring fishery in this area. The stocks were over fished or decreased for some other reason. The herring stocks in this area have not been commercially fished in the last 35 years and the stocks have not recovered.

In the years since the last commercial fishery there have been numerous changes in the area. The whale populations have increased and a very viable tourist industry has developed. There has been a large increase in the sport fishing effort, both sport and charter. Sightseeing, bird and animal watching, photograph and many other activities have developed around the herring stocks.

It is my belief that the herring stocks are fully utilized at this time by other animals, birds and fish, and by the people who enjoy watching and or utilizing them. The herring are very susceptible to damage from the commercial fishery as seen in them not recovering in the last 35 years. Thus I believe this commercial fishery should be eliminated.

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