

**PROPOSAL 97**

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

Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1, as follows:

the herring bait fishery shall open on December 1st of every year.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Return the bait fisheries to a December 1st opening date as is traditional, the earlier opening causes more fish to be sifted through and killed by this wanton waste fisheries which the department turns a blind eye to, sets are made and fish are shallower up which kills them then they are let go if they don't like the size or if it too big a set they pump what they can and let the rest go, which is wanton waste.

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