

So, ADFG is implying that when the board adopted the management plan in 1990 (with tremendous input from all stakeholders), it was the Board's fault for not considering that PWSAC would start and ADFG approve an early chum salmon remote release seine fishery in the Southwest District in 2004. The "new information" is that ADFG failed to read the management plan when remote release was proposed as a seine fishery.

Only the Board has authority to reallocate salmon resources, not PWSAC or ADFG.

PROPOSED BY: Michael Bowen (HQ-F17-032)

PROPOSAL 50

5 AAC 24.301. Seaward boundary of districts.

Define Copper and Bering River District seaward boundaries with geographic coordinates, as follows:

5 AAC 24.301 is amended to read:

For the purpose of managing the historical salmon net fishery in the vicinity of the Copper River and Bering River, the outer boundary of the Copper River and Bering River Districts is a line **from 60° 01.16' N. lat., 144° 00.00' W. long., to 59° 57.98' N. lat., 144° 00.00' W. long. to 59° 44.29' N. lat., 144° 36.12' W. long. to 60° 17.13' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long. to Hook Point at 60° 20.11' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long.** [THREE MILES DUE SOUTH FROM A LINE FROM CAPE SUCKLING (144° W. LONG.) TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF PINNACLE ROCK TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT THE TIP OF HOOK POINT ON HINCHINBROOK ISLAND AT APPROXIMATELY 60° 20.02' N. LAT., 146° 15.12' W. LONG.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The seaward boundaries of the Copper River and Bearing River district, as described in regulation, have proven confusing and difficult to interpret. The current regulatory language defines a line three miles due south of a line defined by a combination of two onshore geographic coordinates and an ambiguous headland. The department proposes to simplify this district boundary description by defining a point to point line with coordinates for each of the vertices.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F17-095)

PROPOSAL 51

5 AAC 24.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts.

Amend district and subdistrict boundaries to match Alaska Department of Fish and Game statistical area boundaries within the Prince William Sound Management Area, as follows:

5 AAC 24.200 is amended to read:

(a) Copper River District: waters surrounding Hinchinbrook Island between the tip of Hook Point **at 60° 20.11' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long.** and Boswell Rock **at 60° 24.76' N. lat., 146°**

06.28' W. long., including Boswell Bay waters south of a line from Boswell Rock at 60° 24.76' N. lat., 146° 06.28' W. long. to 60° 28.02' N. lat., 145° 57.57' W. long. [THE RADIO TOWER AT WHITSHED VILLAGE], and waters between 60° 28.02' N. lat., 145° 57.57' W. long. [WHITSHED VILLAGE] and west of a line from a point on the mainland at 60° 10.32' N. lat., 144° 35.49' W. long. [60° 10.21' N. LAT., 144° 35.57' W. LONG.] to the northernmost tip of Fox Island at 60° 10.13' N. lat., 144° 36.01' W. long. and then extending south from Fox Island along 144° 36.12' W. long.

(b) Bering River District: waters west of [THE LONGITUDE OF CAPE SUCKLING (] 144° W. long [)] and east of a line from a point on the mainland at 60° 10.32' N. lat., 144° 35.49' W. long. [60° 10.21' N. LAT., 144° 35.57' W. LONG.] to the northernmost tip of Fox Island at 60° 10.13' N. lat., 144° 36.01' W. long. and then extending south from Fox Island along 144° 36.12' W. long.

(c) Eastern District: waters north and east of a line from Shepard Point to Salmo Point and along shore to a point at 60° 35.95' N. lat., 145° 47.67' W. long. to 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long. to Point Freemantle at 60° 55.76' N. lat., 145° 58.73' W. long. [OF THE EASTERN MAINLAND SHORE FROM THE RADIO TOWER AT WHITSHED VILLAGE TO POINT FREEMANTLE, INCLUDING BLIGH ISLAND, GOOSE ISLAND, AND OTHER ADJACENT ISLANDS.]

(1) Valdez Narrows Subdistrict: waters of Port Valdez enclosed by a line from Potato Point at 61° 03.37' N. lat., 146° 41.81' W. long. to Entrance Point at 60° 03.79' N. lat., 146° 39.73' W. long.:

(d) Northern District: waters north and west of a line from Point Freemantle at 60° 55.76' N. lat., 145° 58.73' W. long. to 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long. [OF THE NORTHERN MAINLAND SHORE FROM POINT FREEMANTLE TO A POINT AT THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE OF ESTHER PASSAGE AT 60° 49.33' N. LAT., 147° 51.12' W. LONG., AND WATERS OUTSIDE THE COGHILL DISTRICT AND ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF CULROSS ISLAND AND EAST OF A LINE FROM A POINT ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF CULROSS ISLAND AT 60° 38.31' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG.] to the northern tip of the Eshamy District at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long. to the eastern shore of Culross Island at 60° 38.88' N. lat., 148° 06.56' W. long., excluding waters of the Northwestern, Coghill, and Unakwik districts. [BOUNDARY AT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT, INCLUDING GLACIER ISLAND, FAIRMOUNT ISLAND, PERRY ISLAND, ADJACENT ISLANDS, AND THE NAKED ISLAND GROUP, EXCEPT WATERS OF UNAKWIK INLET NORTH OF 61° 00.97' N. LAT.]

(1) Perry Island Subdistrict: waters of the Northern District west of a line from the western entrance to Eaglek Bay at 60° 49.68' N. lat., 147° 44.95' W. long. [60° 49.66' N. LAT., 147° 44.92' W. LONG.] to the northernmost tip of Axel Lind Island at 60° 48.03' N. lat., 147° 42.65' W. long. and from the southernmost tip of Axel Lind Island at 60° 47.08' N. lat., 147° 43.00' W. long. to the northern tip of Lone Island at 60° 41.88' N. lat., 147° 45.03' W. long., and from the southern tip of Lone Island at 60° 39.62' N. lat., 147° 46.31' W. long.

due south to the border of the Southwestern District at 60° 36.87' N. lat.; [TO THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ESHAMY DISTRICT;]

(2) Cannery Creek Subdistrict: waters of the Northern District in Unakwik Inlet south of 61° 00.97' N. lat., and north of the latitude of Unakwik Point **at 60° 53.61' N. lat.;**...

(f) Coghill District: waters north and east of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long. **to a point on the mainland shore at 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148° 13.73' W. long.** to a point west of Point Culross at **60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long.** [60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] **continuing along shore to** [AND FROM] Point Culross at **60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long.** [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at **60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long.** [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.] to Point Perry at **60° 45.02' N. lat., 147° 57.69' W. long.** [60° 45.05' N. LAT., 147° 57.62' W. LONG.] to the west island of the Bald Head Chris Islands at **60° 47.90' N. lat., 147° 47.90' W. long.** [60° 47.97' N. LAT., 147° 51.62' W. LONG.] to a point on the mainland at **60° 49.27' N. lat.,** [60° 49.26' N. LAT.,] 147° 51.20' W. long.

(1) Esther Subdistrict: waters of the Coghill District south and east of a line from a point on the western shore of Esther Island at 60° 48.08' N. lat., 148° 08.54' W. long. to Esther Rock at 60° 48.08' N. lat., **148° 10.75' W. long.** [148° 10.67' W. LONG.] to Point Culross at **60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long.** [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at **60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long.** [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.], and south of a line crossing Esther Passage from **60° 49.53' N. lat., 147° 52.69' W. long. to 60° 49.53' N. lat., 147° 54.87' W. long.** [60° 49.51' N. LAT., 147° 52.62' W. LONG. TO 60° 49.51' N. LAT., 147° 54.82' W. LONG.];

(2) Granite Bay Subdistrict: waters of Port Wells east of a line from Esther Rock at 60° 48 08' N. lat., **148° 10.75' W. long.** [148° 10.67' W. LONG.] to a point at 60° 51.68' N. lat., 148° 09.84' W. long. and to a point at 60° 55.81' N. lat., 148° 05.89' W. long., including all waters of Esther Passage north of a line at **60° 49.53' N. lat.** [60° 49.51' N. LAT.];

(3) Bettles Bay Subdistrict: waters west of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long. **to 60° 48.03' N. lat., 148° 20.26' W. long.** to Point Pakenham at **61° 00.36' N. lat., 148° 05.45' W. long.** [61° 00.45' N. LAT., 148° 04.85' W. LONG.];

(g) Northwestern District: waters south and west of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long. **to a point on the mainland shore at 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148° 13.73' W. long.** to a point west of Point Culross at **60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long.** [60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] and from Point Culross at **60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long.** [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at **60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long.** [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.] and from a point on the **eastern shore of Culross Island at 60° 38.88' N. lat., 148° 06.56' W. long. to the northern tip of the Eshamy District at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long.,** [SOUTHERN END OF CULROSS ISLAND AT THE 60° 38.31' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO THE ESHAMY DISTRICT BOUNDARY AT THE LIGHT ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE

ENTRANCE TO PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT,] including Culross Passage and waters of Culross Bay....

(2) Culross Island Subdistrict: waters **of Culross Passage south of a line from 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148° 13.73' W. long. to 60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long.** [EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT PIGOT AT 60° 48.21' N. LAT., 148° 20.90' W. LONG. TO A POINT AT 60° 40.71' N. LAT., 148° 13.87' W. LONG., SOUTH OF A LINE FROM POINT PIGOT TO A POINT WEST OF POINT CULROSS AT 60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] and **waters of Culross Bay south and west of a line** from Point Culross **at 60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long.** to a point west of Culross Light at **60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long., and water of Port Nellie Juan north and east of a line from 60° 34.86' N. lat., 148° 08.62' W. long. to 60° 36.49' N. lat., 148° 11.40' W. long.** [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG., INCLUDING WATERS OF CULROSS BAY AND CULROSS PASSAGE, AND NORTH OF A LINE FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT ON THE MAINLAND AT 60° 36.46' N. LAT., 148° 11.37' W. LONG.];

(3) Port Nellie Juan Subdistrict: waters **of Port Nellie Juan and Kings Bay south and west of a line from [A POINT ON THE MAINLAND AT] 60° 34.86' N. lat., 148° 08.62' W. long. to 60° 36.49' N. lat., 148° 11.40' W. long.** [60° 36.46' N. LAT., 148° 11.37' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF THE PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG., INCLUDING PORT NELLIE JUAN AND KINGS BAY]...

(i) Southwestern District: **state waters south and west of 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long. to 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 33.94' W. long. to 59° 59.47' N. lat., 147° 47.52' W. long. to 59° 50.93' N. lat., 148° 02.93' W. long., excluding the Eshamy and Northwestern districts** [MAINLAND WATERS FROM THE OUTER POINT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF GRANITE BAY TO CAPE FAIRFIELD AND WATERS SURROUNDING KNIGHT ISLAND, CHENEGA ISLAND, BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, EVANS ISLAND, ELRINGTON ISLAND, LATOUCHE ISLAND, AND ADJACENT ISLANDS].

(1) Port San Juan Subdistrict: waters of Elrington Passage north of 59° 59.97' N. lat., and waters within one mile of the northern and eastern shore of Evans Island, from Evans Point **at 60° 07.95' N. lat., 147° 54.86' W. long.** south to the longitude [LATITUDE] of the northern tip of Elrington Island **at 60° 02.32' N. lat., 148° 00.11' W. long.**;...

(j) Montague District: **state waters south and east of 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long. to 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 33.94' W. long. to 59° 59.47' N. lat., 147° 47.52' W. long. to 59° 50.93' N. lat., 148° 02.93' W. long., and west of 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long. to 60° 12.86' N. lat., 146° 45.08' W. long., and** waters surrounding [MONTAGUE ISLAND, GREEN ISLAND,] Middleton Island[,] and adjacent islands.

(1) Port Chalmers Subdistrict: waters of the Montague District in Montague Strait, north of [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED ON THE WEST SHORE OF MONTAGUE ISLAND AT] 60° 02.50' N. lat., and south of [AN ADF&G

REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED NEAR GRAVEYARD POINT ON THE WEST SHORE OF MONTAGUE ISLAND AT] **60° 20.02' N. lat.** [60° 20.00' N. LAT.];...

(k) Southeastern District: **state waters south and east of a line from Shepard Point to Salmo Point and along shore to a point at 60° 35.95' N. lat., 145° 47.67' W. long. to 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long. to 60° 12.86' N. lat., 146° 45.08' W. long., excluding the Copper River and Bering River districts** [WATERS SURROUNDING HAWKINS ISLAND, HINCHINBROOK ISLAND, AND ADJACENT ISLANDS, EXCEPT THE WATERS OF HINCHINBROOK ISLAND ON THE SOUTHEAST SHORE BETWEEN HOOK POINT AND BOSWELL ROCK].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The department has reviewed and identified district and subdistrict boundary descriptions in Prince William Sound that need to be clarified or amended for consistency and accuracy. The proposed district and subdistrict boundary lines align with statistical area boundaries and will aid in managing salmon fisheries prosecuted within these areas.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F17-096)

PROPOSAL 52

5 AAC 24.100. Description of area.

Amend Prince William Sound Area description to specify lines of longitude for the eastern and western boundaries, as follows:

5 AAC 24.100 is amended to read:

The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between **148° 50.25' W. long. at** Cape Fairfield and **144° W. long. near** Cape Suckling.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There is no geospatial reference in this regulation to accurately define the western and eastern boundaries of the Prince William Sound Area. Defining these boundaries along lines of longitude will allow for a consistent and repeatable point of reference for those involved in area fisheries.

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