

PROPOSAL 129

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Decrease the Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon harvest composition from 80 percent to 66 percent of harvest in the *Southeast District Mainland Salmon Management Plan*, as follows:

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(f) The estimate of Sockeye Salmon destined for the Chignik River has been determined to be **66** percent of the Sockeye Salmon harvested in the Southeast district mainland and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section. Beginning July 1 all Sockeye salmon taken in the Northwest Stepovak Section are considered to be destined for Orzinski Bay

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The estimate of Sockeye Salmon destined for Chignik River has been determined to be 80 percent of the Sockeye Salmon harvested in the Southeast district mainland and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section. Beginning July 1 all Sockeye Salmon taken in Northwest Stepovak Section are considered to be destined for Orzinski Bay.

The estimate of Sockeye Salmon destined for Chignik River should be adjusted to the 66 percent as was found in the WASSIP study of the Sockeye Salmon harvested in the SEDM And before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section. The lower percent which was found in the WASSIP study will give the sedm fisherman more opportunity to fish their traditional setnet sites.

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