

PROPOSAL 128

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Increase Chignik Management Area sockeye salmon harvest and escapement thresholds in the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan*, as follows:

Modify the SEDM Management plan to allow for a higher minimum sockeye harvest for Chignik that is more in line with current economic conditions. The regulation would read as follows:
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(b) In years when a harvestable surplus for the first (Black Lake) and second (Chignik Lake) runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be less than **1,000,000** [600,000] fish, a commercial fishery is not allowed in the East Stepovak, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and in the Northwest Stepovak Section, excluding Orzinski Bay north of a line from Elephant Point at 55° 43.18' N. lat., 160° 01.13' W. long., until the department projects that a harvest of **600,000** [300,000] sockeye salmon **will occur** in the Chignik Area described in 5 AAC 15.100. After July 8, if at least **600,000** [300,000] sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik Area, and if escapement goals are being met, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik Area will be at least **1,000,000** [600,000] fish and the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik Area.

(c) In years when a harvestable surplus beyond escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be more than **1,000,000** [600,000] fish but the first run fails to develop as predicted and it is determined that a total sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area of **1,000,000** [600,000] or more fish may not be achieved, the commercial salmon fishery in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and in the Northwest Stepovak Section, excluding Orzinski Bay north of a line from Elephant Point at 55° 41.92' N. lat., 160° 03.20' W. long., to Waterfall Point at 55° 43.18' N. lat., 160° 01.13' W. long., shall be curtailed until the department projects a harvest in the Chignik Area of at least **600,000** [300,000] sockeye salmon through July 8 if that number of fish are determined to be surplus to the escapement goals of the Chignik River system. After July 8, if at least **600,000** [300,000] sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik Area, and if escapement goals are being met, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik Area is at least **1,000,000** [600,000] fish and the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

(d) In years when a harvestable surplus beyond the escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River system sockeye salmon is expected to be more than **1,000,000** [600,000] fish and the department determines that the runs are as strong as expected, the department shall manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay Sections,

and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak Section, approaches as near as possible 7.6 percent of the sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik Area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The minimum Chignik sockeye harvest assurances of 300,000 and 600,000 prior to any opening in the SEDM is woefully inadequate. In 1985 the Board modified the SEDM Management Plan based on the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan from the Kodiak Management Area that was enacted in 1978. The Board insisted on a minimum sockeye harvest threshold for Chignik when it enacted the Cape Igvak Management Plan in 1978, and the Board smartly adopted that requirement when it modified the SEDM Management Plan in 1985. While the argument was made by the Board that a 600,000 minimum sockeye harvest assurance for Chignik was adequate when it adopted the Cape Igvak Management Plan in 1978, and subsequently in the SEDM Management Plan in 1985, it is indisputable that a minimum sockeye harvest assurance of 600,000 in Chignik today is woefully inadequate due to the dramatic change in economic conditions since the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan and the SEDM Management Plan were adopted a whopping 40 and 33 years ago, respectively.

PROPOSED BY: Axel Kopun

(EF-F18-057)

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.

PROPOSED BY: Jim Smith

(EF-F18-034)

PROPOSAL 130

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Decrease the Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon harvest composition from 80 percent to 60 percent of harvest in the *Southeast District Mainland Salmon Management Plan*, as follows:

The estimate of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River has been determined to be **60%** [80%] of the sockeye salmon harvested in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections, and before July 1 in the Northwest Stepovak section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lost fishing time and opportunities in the SEDM of Area M. The genetic stock assessment for the SEDM indicated the actual percentage of Chignik bound salmon caught in the SEDM is lower than 80%.

PROPOSED BY: Sand Point Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F18-074)

PROPOSAL 131

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Increase the Southeast District Mainland allocation of Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon from 7.6% to 10%, as follows:

The percentage of sockeye salmon destined for the Chignik River that are harvested in the SEDM fishery may be permitted to fluctuate above or below **10%** [7.6%] of sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik area at any time before July 25.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lost fishing time and opportunities in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) fishery. The SEDM has a 7.6% allocation at 80% while Kodiak has a 15% allocation based on a 90% catch of Chignik bound salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Sand Point Fish and Game Advisory Committee

(HQ-F18-073)

PROPOSAL 132

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Revise the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area, as follows:

Revise the Southeastern District Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to the Chignik Area commercial sockeye salmon fishery as follows: Conduct concurrent fishing periods between Area L (Chignik) and Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM). (a) the elimination of the harvest of 300,000 red salmon in the Chignik area before set net fishermen in the SEDM can harvest salmon; (b) to fish concurrently while Area L (Chignik) fishermen are fishing Area M set net fishermen are fishing in the SEDM area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The SEDM Salmon Management Plan guidelines are currently being based on a fictitious assumption that 20% of the fish caught in the SEDM are local stocks, while the other 80% are Chignik bound. This 80% figure needs to be eliminated from the SEDM Management Plan. SEDM set net fishermen are only allowed to harvest 7.6% of what Chignik fishermen harvest. Before any fishermen in the SEDM can harvest any fish Chignik fishermen have to harvest a minimum of 300,000 red salmon before we can begin to put our nets in the water and harvest our local stock of red salmon. We rarely catch or come close to catching the 7.6 allocation, which is a low number for a historical fishery. We seldom fish on the SEDM because of the restrictions set forth upon the fishery. This allocation needs to be eliminated. During 2014 fishermen in the SEDM weren't allowed to harvest any salmon in the SEDM area and are being denied access to their historical fishery which is affecting the viability of set netting in the area. The harvest of 300,000 red salmon in the Chignik area before set netters on the SEDM can harvest salmon needs to be eliminated and done away with. When Chignik area fishes, we as set netters would like to fish at the same time on the SEDM District.

PROPOSED BY: Jack Foster Jr. and Amy Foster

(EF-F18-053)

PROPOSAL 133

5 AAC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Open the Southeastern District to commercial fishing for salmon in concurrence with Western and Perryville district open commercial salmon fishing periods from June 1 through July 13, as follows:

(d)(i) Between June 1st through July 13th fishing will be allowed in concurrence as 5 AAC 15.200 (c) Western District and (d) Perryville District

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? If we are fishing the same fish we should be able to fish the same time!

PROPOSED BY: Emil Mobeck

(HQ-F18-040)
