

PROPOSAL 184

5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods.

Open extra commercial fishing periods at a set time of 7 a.m. in the Upper Subdistrict set net fishery, as follows:

ESSN commercial fishing openings shall start at 7 AM during the month of July.

- (i) when the decision to fish is made by ADF&G the calendar day before an opening, 7 AM will be the start time.
- (ii) When there is a decision to fish by ADF&G the day of the opening, the starting time is at their discretion.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The ESSN fishing opening time should be set at 7 o'clock am. Set nets along the beach have a specific time of the tide that is best fishing for the nets. By switching the start times to 5 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM the department is allocating Fish by the use of the commercial opening start time. Recently in my stat area start times seem to be two hours before low tide, which is a very nonproductive time of the tide. This is a very productive time for a different stat area. If the start time was 7 o'clock throughout the summer when openings are given, productive and nonproductive times of the tide would be more equally shared, rather than one stat area fishing their sweet spot opening after opening. To my knowledge there is no scientific data to support this allocative process.

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