PROPOSAL 193

5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons.

Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts, as follows:

Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing - Beginning August 1 if the set gillnet fleet harvests less than 3% of their total sockeye salmon harvest for two consecutive fishing periods in any subdistrict set gillnet fishing will be closed for that subdistrict.

Beginning August 1 if the drift gillnet fleet harvests less than 3% of their total sockeye salmon harvest for two consecutive fishing periods in any subdistrict drift gillnet fishing will be closed for that subdistrict.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Cook Inlet Coho Salmon are designated as a sport fish but continued manipulation of the one percent rule has resulted in a commercial harvest priority of these designated sport fish.