

PROPOSAL 118

5 AAC 33.200. Fishing districts and sections.

Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows:

5 AAC 33.200(f)(1) and 5 AAC 33.200(h)

(f) District 6: all water of Clarence Strait north of a line from Narrow Point to Lemesurier Point to Ernest Point to the most southerly point on Etolin Island, Stikine Strait south of the latitude of Round Point, Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Alexander, to [LOW POINT] **Northwestern tip of Northerly Island** east of a line from Point Baker to Point Barrie, Wrangell Narrows south and west of a line from Prolewy Point to the northern tip of Mitkof Island and all waters of Duncan Canal;

(1) Section 6-A: water north of a line from the tip of Point Colpys to the tip of Macnamara Point, west of a line from the [TIP OF LOW POINT] **Northwestern Tip of Northerly Island** to the tip of Point Alexander and east of a line from the tip of Point Barrie to the tip of Point Baker.

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(h) District 8: waters of Frederick Sound south of a line from Wood Point to Beacon Point (excluding Wrangell Narrows), Sumner Strait east of a line from Point Alexander to [LOW POINT] **Northwestern Tip of Northerly Island** Stikine Strait north of the latitude of Round Point, Zimovia Strait north of the latitude of Nemo Point and Eastern Passage west of a line from Hour Point (56 degrees, 27.80' N. lat., 132 degrees, 16.63 W. long), to Babler Point;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like the Board of Fish to adopt change to the District 6 and 8 boundary line from the normal boundary from Point Alexander 56 degrees, 30.55 minutes North Latitude, 132 degrees 57.01 minutes West Longitude to Low Point 56 degrees, 27.17 North Latitude, 132 degrees 57.17 West Longitude.

Change boundary line to Point Alexander 56 degrees, 30.55 minutes north, 132 degrees, 57.01 minutes West to the Northwestern Tip of Northerly Island at 56 degrees, 26.56 North Latitude, 132 degrees, 58.63 minutes West Longitude. This adjustment moves the southern marker approximately 3/4 mile West.

The department often does a slight Westerly adjustment of the district 6 and 8 boundary line during regular drift gillnet openings and drift gillnet midweek openings. Adopting the change would make it unnecessary to make constant adjustments to the boundary line reducing any confusion if there were any changes during a drift gillnet midweek opening. Also, the normal southern line has reef and pinnacle hazards along the beach, moving the line slightly west moves the fishery away from the hazard and allows for a more orderly line fishery. This does not make sockeye more vulnerable since fishing this area is a tide change area which does not last very long until the tide runs too hard to be effective and the main body of sockeye pushes past.

If the regulation is not changed, this will not have much affect on any District 8 fishery. The department will continue doing as they have to establish lines for a fishery.

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