

PROPOSAL 96

5 AAC 33.369. District 1: Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.

Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows:

The waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of the southern tip of California Head should be included in the Herring Bay Troll Terminal Harvest Area. Trollers have no access to SSRAA chinook released in Carroll Inlet after July 1.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The commercial troll fleet should have parity with the sport fishers. The *Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area* in 5 AAC 33.369 (d) defines a more liberal area than my request. The logical and honorable action for the Board of Fish and the Department would be to have one set of boundaries for both harvest groups and modify the area by EO when necessary.

This action is needed because when 5 AAC 33.369 was adopted, SSRAA had no chinook salmon returning to Carroll Inlet.

Commercial trollers will have restricted opportunity for the ability to harvest hatchery produced chinook: No harvest equals no value towards correcting the allocation imbalance.

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