

PROPOSAL 131

5 AAC 01.760. Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.

Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:

Allow the use of beach and hand purse seines within approximately 100 yards from the base of the falls when the projected total escapement is greater than 40,000 fish.

5 AAC 01.760 (e)The following provisions apply to the department issuance of community harvest permits for the Redoubt Bay community harvest area described as the waters of Redoubt Bay that are [SOUTH OF 56° 54.71' N. LAT. AND WEST OF 135° 18.88' W. LONG] **north (seaward) of a line approximately 100 yards from the base of the falls as marked by ADF&G regulatory markers.**

5 AAC 01.760 (e)(6) for the purposes of this section, the legal gear for harvest under a community harvest permit are a beach seine, **hand purse seine**, dip net, gaff, spear, and a hook and line attached to a rod or pole.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Large sockeye returns to Redoubt Lake over the last several years have triggered the issuance of a community harvest permit for the harvest of Redoubt sockeye. Unfortunately, three harvest attempts in the last two years has only netted two sockeye. The waters open to the use of a community harvest permit are at the mouth of the bay and a significant distance from the effluent waters of Redoubt Lake.

What would happen if nothing is changed? Continued underutilization of the resource due to lost harvest opportunities for the Sitka Tribe.

What are other solutions you considered? Why did you reject them? This is a unique situation that can only be addressed through the adjustment of legal fishing boundaries and the allowance of additional gear types.

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