

**PROPOSAL 124**

**5 AAC 09.310 (a)(1)(B). Fishing seasons – Northern District, Cinder River Section, 5 AAC 09.320. Fishing periods, and 5 AAC 09.330. Gear.**

Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section, as follows:

Open Cinder River for 36 hours from June 20 to July 31 as long as no conservation concern for sockeye salmon in the Ugashik or Cinder River systems.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** To allow opportunity for Area M fishermen to harvest sockeye salmon in the Cinder River Section from June 20 to July 31. Presently the section is currently closed to commercial salmon fishing in the salt water by regulation. In most years there has been surplus sockeye salmon escapement into the Cinder River above the escapement goal and current regulations do not allow effort to target these fish except inside the Lagoon which has not been logistically feasible.

**PROPOSED BY:** Concerned Area M Fishermen

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