

PROPOSAL 130

5 ACC 09.360. Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan* to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section as follows:

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3, Beginning July 1, sockeye salmon caught in NWSS will not be counted toward the Chignik allocation, Fishing periods in the NWSS after June 30 will be based on sockeye salmon escapement into Ozinski Lake .

4. If Ozinski lake is meeting its escapement goals the NWSS and Orzinski Bay may be opened as follows;

- (a) The NWSS Section may not be open more than 96 hours in a 7- day period
- (b) The orzinski Bay may be opened continually until midnight July 25
- (c) purse seine and hand purse seine gear may operate after midnight july 10.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? 5 ACC 09.360

3.Fishing periods in NWSS after June 30 will be based on sockeye escapement into Orzinski Lake and there may not be more than 96 hours of fishing time during a 7- day period.

4.if the orzinski lake escapement meets or exceeds 25,000 sockeye salmon NWSS and orzinski bay may be opened as follows;

The 25,000 isn't even applicable to the escapement level stated in the NWSS, the orzinski lake SEG range is 15,000 -20,000 sockeye salmon , The problem is in 2021 season orzinski bay closed after 96 hours and was ahead of escapement and was getting more than 500 per day while we were fishing ,When it reopened the processor wouldnt send tenders so the setnet lost opportunity to fish. I would like the 96 hours per 7 days only apply to NWSS not to orzinski bay . the orzinski bay should be able to be open for setnet continuously as long as its getting its target escapement levels.

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