

PROPOSAL 48

5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration.

Delay the date at which fishermen may reregister to or from the Togiak District, as follows:

(k) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, a CFEC permit holder and fishing vessel registered before 9:00am July 27 to fish in the

(1) Togiak District may not take salmon or be used to take salmon in the Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, or Ugashik District from 9:00am June 1 to 9:00am August 4. [JULY 27];

(2) Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, or Ugashik District may not take salmon or be used to take salmon in the Togiak District from 9:00am June 1 to 9:00am August 4. [JULY 27].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The BOF originally established a later date for vessels that fish in other districts within Bristol Bay to transfer to Togiak, mainly because the Togiak fishery is comprised of a local small boat fleet that is crucial to the economy of Togiak and its residents. However, the sockeye salmon run in Togiak has been running later than usual, and a large influx of bigger vessels have begun fishing in Togiak after 9:00am on July 27 when they can legally start to harvests salmon. This has caused economic hardships for the small boat local fleet that live in the rural coastal community of Togiak where more than 25% of the households are below the poverty line. Fishing is the main source of income for the majority of its residents. Due to the recent trends of the later salmon runs, the current regulations do not fit the original intent of why the Togiak District has a later transfer date and should be altered to accommodate the later salmon runs..

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