

PROPOSAL 78

5 AAC 27.910. Fishing seasons and periods for Bering Sea-Kotzebue Area.

Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-roe, and food and bait fishing seasons, as follows:

5 AAC 27.910 (b)(1)-(2) and (4) are amended to read:

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(b) In the Norton Sound District, herring may be taken only as follows:

(1) from May 15 through **November 15** [JUNE 30 (SAC-ROE SEASON)] and only during periods established by emergency order;

(2) in Subdistricts 1 - 6, from **May 15** [JULY 1] through November 15 (**sac-roe or** food and bait season);

(3) repealed 5/11/85;

(4) in Subdistrict 7, from **May 15** [JUNE 15] through November 15 (**sac-roe or** food and bait season):

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal would modify the date in regulation when a herring food and bait fishery can occur in Norton Sound. After 2013 there has been no buyer interest in a Norton Sound sac roe herring fishery. By regulation that fishery can occur from May 15 through June 30. Beginning in 2014 the department has opened the herring fishery continuously during the sac roe season and a local buyer has purchased an average of 50 tons a year to sell as bait. This proposal would align in regulation with what has been occurring since 2014 in the herring fishery.

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