

PROPOSAL 98

5 AAC 01.425. Waters closed to subsistence fishing.

Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders, as follows:

5 AAC 01.425 is amended to read:

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(6) for the holder of a CFEC limited entry salmon permit, the waters specified in 5 AAC 09.350 **during an open commercial salmon fishing period,** and **the waters described in 5 AAC 39.290.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations link subsistence and commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Alaska Peninsula Area and limit the ability of subsistence fishers to harvest fish in certain areas when commercial fishing for salmon is open. One specific area of concern cited by subsistence users is the Kinzarof Lagoon area of Cold Bay. Amending 5 AAC 01.425 would reduce the burden on subsistence fishers while also preserving the intent of 5 AAC 01.410 which states that in those districts and sections open to commercial salmon fishing, a commercial salmon fishing permit holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 24 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

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