

PROPOSAL 136

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon as follows:

Commercial drifters must stay a minimum distance of 1 mile from the mouths of silver salmon Creek and shelter creek on cook inlets west side.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently drifters can fish as close as 1/4 mile from the mouth of silver salmon creek, and shelter creek, blocking fish from entering these streams and may over harvest from an individual stream. In 2022 silver salmon creek had very few coho salmon enter the system. Another issue is brown bears have become habituated to taking salmon from nets, bears also guard and defend the areas around the nets.

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