

PROPOSAL 37

5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.

Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan as follows:

c) Notwithstanding [5 AAC 21.320](#) and [5 AAC 21.330](#), and except as otherwise provided by emergency order issued under [AS 16.05.060](#), the permit holder for the Trail Lakes Hatchery, and the permit holder's agents, contractors, or employees authorized under [5 AAC 40.005\(g\)](#) may harvest salmon in the

(1) Bear Lake Special Harvest Area, from 6:00 a.m. May 15 until 6:00 p.m. October 31 using weirs, purse seines, hand purse seines, beach seines, **and drift gill nets;**

(2) China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area, from 6:00 a.m. June 1 until 6:00 p.m. July 31 using purse seines, hand purse seines, beach seines, **and drift gill nets;;**

(3) Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area, from 6:00 a.m. June 1 until 6:00 p.m. September 15 using purse seines, hand purse seines, beach seines, **and drift gill nets;;**

(4) Kirschner Lake Special Harvest Area, from 6:00 a.m. June 1 until 6:00 p.m. August 15 using purse seines, hand purse seines, beach seines, **and drift gill nets;.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow drift gill nets in SHA's of Lower Cook Inlet for cost recovery harvests. All commercial fishing gear types support salmon enhancement in Cook Inlet waters through the 2% enhancement tax on fish harvests. This proposal would allow gear types paying taxes for aquaculture to participate in the harvest of these enhancement fisheries which are primarily located in the LCI district. Mixed gear types currently fish together in Prince William Sound. This also would assist with cost recovery efforts on common property fishing days by allowing another gear type to harvest that may not have common property opening during that period.

PROPOSED BY: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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