

PROPOSAL 40

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon as follows:

5 AAC 21.350(e) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(e) Kamishak Bay District

(8) waters of Rocky Cove inshore of a line from 59° 26.98' N. lat., 153° 44.36' W. long., to 59° 26.37' N. lat., 153° 43.92' W. long.;

(9) waters of the Bruin Bay inshore of a line from 59° 22.59' N. lat., 154° 08.43' W. long., to 59° 22.43' N. lat., 154° 07.03' W. long.

5 AAC 21.350(f) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(f) Outer District

(15) waters of Rocky Bay (Scurvy Creek) inshore of a line from 59° 14.91' N. lat., 151° 26.96' W. long. to 59° 14.85' N. lat., 151° 26.87' W. long.;

(16) waters of Middle Creek (Shelter Cove) inshore of a line from 59° 17.22' N. lat., 151° 14.78' W. long. to 59° 17.02' N. lat., 151° 13.91' W. long.;

(17) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 15.31' N. lat., 151° 07.13' W. long. to 59° 15.28' N. lat., 151° 06.99' W. long.;

(18) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 15.95' N. lat., 151° 09.39' W. long. to 59° 15.80' N. lat., 151° 09.25' W. long.;

5 AAC 21.350(d) is amended to read:

(d) Southern District

(2) waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay east of 151° 15.53' west long., and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' w. long. [WATERS OF CHINA POOT BAY SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE BENEATH THE HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION POWER LINE FROM A POINT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE NORTH ARM OF CHINA POOT BAY AT 59° 33.92' N .LAT., 151° 15.42' W. LONG., TO A POINT ON THE PENINSULA BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARM OF CHINA POOT BAY AT 59° 33.47' N. LAT., 151° 15.71' W. LONG., TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE SOUTH ARM OF CHINA POOT BAY AT 59° 33.21' N. LAT., 151° 16.46' W. LONG.];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In Lower Cook Inlet waters closed to commercial salmon harvest are defined using a variety of methods. In addition to being specified in regulation, closed waters have historically been identified using physical signs or

markers, as well as on maps distributed by the Homer area Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) office. Given the widespread availability of Global Positioning System technology, the department has ended its regulatory marker program in this area. The proposal identifies waters in the Kamishak and Outer districts that have historically been closed to commercial salmon fishing. These closed waters were previously only identified with markers. The public, enforcement, and department all benefit from clearly defined closed waters with Global Positioning System coordinates. Waters of China Poot Bay need to be changed in regulation to match where the fleet has been allowed by emergency order to fish to since the early 1990's.

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