

**PROPOSAL 65**

**5 AAC 18.XXX. New Section.**

Prohibit the use of aircraft to locate salmon for the commercial taking of salmon or to direct commercial salmon fishing operations in the Kodiak Management Area as follows:

We recommend that the following regulation be placed in the Kodiak Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations at the end of Article 3 Salmon Fishery section.

**5 AAC 18.XXX. Use of aircraft unlawful** A person may not use or employ an aircraft to locate salmon for the commercial taking of salmon or to direct commercial fishing operations in the Kodiak Area.

If the above proposal passes we recommend that (f) found in **5 AAC 18.332. Seine specifications and operations** be removed from regulations.

[(f) IN THE MAINLAND DISTRICT, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SALMON WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN AIRCRAFT DIRECTING THE OPERATION OF THE SEINE GEAR.]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** We would like the board to address the use of aircraft in the Kodiak Area. Currently there is aircraft restriction language in the regulations for the Mainland District only of the Kodiak Area. The remaining districts of the Kodiak Area should be addressed.

The use of aircraft to locate salmon benefits a small portion of the Kodiak Area salmon fleet and diminishes opportunity for other members of the fleet.

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