

**PROPOSAL 183**

**5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, 13-C, and District 7.**

Add the Sitka Sound area in Sections 13-A and B as open area to northern spawn on kelp permit holders and limit pound type to open pounds.

**5 AAC 27.195 Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, add a section (c) to include open ponding in the Sitka area for all Northern Southeast Herring Pond Permit holders.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** 5 AAC 27.195 Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery. Northern Southeast Herring ponding has been closed since 2014, this has had a huge economic impact on all permit holders for the Northern Southeast Herring Ponding. Many bought into this fishery for over \$50,000, now the permit is worthless, you can't sell them or use them. This year the quota for Sitka Sac Roe was 80,000 ton, with only 12,000 ton taken. As Sitka is in the Northern Southeast Region, it would make sense to allow open ponding to the Northern Southeast Herring Ponding permit holders.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** Northern Southeast permit holders

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