

PROPOSAL 218

.5 AAC 38.140 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan.

Extend sea cucumber fishing season beyond March 31.

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(b) Sea cucumbers may be taken from the first Monday in October through March 31 during the weekly fishing period established by emergency order. The weekly fishing period will occur on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, except that (1) during the week of Thanksgiving, the weekly fishing period will occur on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Monday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; (2) beginning in November, the commissioner may, by emergency order, extend or shorten a weekly fishing period in an area in order to obtain the guideline harvest level in that area; (3) during the week of Christmas and New Year's Day, the department may modify the days of the weekly fishing period by emergency order so that the fishing period does not fall on the holiday and does not add additional days to the weekly fishing period.

(4)regional ADFG managers may allow weekly fishing extentions past March 31st to finish GH.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Address:

(b) of the Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan

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Why?

Allow regional ADFG mangers the ability to allow weekly extentions in areas with remaining guideline harvest levels(GHLs) past March 31st in order to reach the seasons GHL.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. There has been some discussion about extensions. This proposal is submitted as an individual.

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