

PROPOSAL 80

5 AAC 55.023 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Prince William Sound Area.

Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal, as follows:

Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC 55.023

(10) in Main Bay, sport fishing is prohibited [FROM A VESSEL THAT IS]

(A) within **250** [60] feet of the Main Bay Hatchery barrier seine; and

(B) inside the Main Bay Hatchery barrier seine and shoreward to the head of the bay.

(C) (i) The department, in consultation with the hatchery operator, shall manage the Main Bay sport fishery salmon fishing through restricting time and area by emergency order to achieve corporate escapement goals.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Changing the sport fishing distance inside the Main Bay would mimic regulation 5 AAC 55.023 in part (3) for waters of Lake Bay's distance from Ester Hatchery to halt all interference with hatchery operations.

Removing the "From the Vessel" portion would also alleviate sport fishing from shore inside the AGZ and brood pen, which Hatchery Managers have voiced to PWSAC as a problem.

Overall this would eliminate a great deal of costly damage to the barrier seine from lost tackle and boats/motors, as well as alleviate the conflicts between user groups, hatchery staff, and cost recovery vessels during broodstock collection and cost recovery operations.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. We developed this proposal in collaboration with CDFU members and Prince William Sound Setnetters Association, and used PWSAC as a resource.

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