

***Herring Spawn on Kelp***

**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

**PROPOSED BY:** John Johanson (EF-F24-134)  
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**PROPOSAL 184**

**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.**

Expand open area in Section 3-B for placement spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds.

**5 AAC 27.185 (c) Section 3B open pound area. Extended to Miraballes and including Doyle Bay, expanding open area - Point Amargura to Point Providence.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Herring Ponding has been open in Southern Southeast Alaska for over twenty years, this past two years (2022 and 2023) a majority of the groups were NOT able to fill their pens, this has caused a major financial problem for many. The State did observe 20-30 miles of span, the herring just did not go to the areas that they historically have and that are open to commercial fishing.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** Several groups have expressed support over expanding fishable areas.

**PROPOSED BY:** Roseann Demmert and John Johanson (EF-F24-124)  
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**PROPOSAL 185**

**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..**

Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds, as follows:

Expand the area in the Craig/Klawock herring spawn on kelp fishery open to operation of pounds and taking of herring.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The inability to access the large amount of fish in district 3B during the Craig, Klawock herring spawn on kelp fishery.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** Yes, local residents, permit holders, and Ketchikan Commercial Fisheries personnel.

**PROPOSED BY:** James Quigley (HQ-F24-052)

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**PROPOSAL 186**

**5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-8, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7.**

Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds.

A proposal to open an area south of town:

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-8, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7.

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(1) in Section 3-B, in the waters of the Gulf of Esquibel, San Alberto Bay, Shinaku Inlet, and San Christoval Channel south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of St. Phillips Island at 55° 39.31' N. lat., 133° 25.12' W. long., east of a line from the northernmost tip of St. Phillips Island to the northernmost tip of Point Garcia at 55° 33.65' N. lat., 133° 26.47' W. long., and north of a line from Entrance Point to the southernmost tip of Clam Island **and from the southern most tip of Clam Island to southernmost tip of Parida Island at 55° 31.047' N. lat., 133° 14.4190' W. rong., to Balandra Island at 55° 27.219' N. lat., 133° 13.149' to Port Bagial Island 55° 27.480' N. lat., 133° 08.5251' W. long., to Point Miraballes at 55° 25.856' N.lat., 133° 05.257' W. long., to Culebrina Island 55° 25.004' N. lat., 133° 04.824' W. long., to southern tip Doyle Bay 55° 24.4151.' N. lat., 133° 03.311' W. long., all waters of Trocadero Bay will be open Bucareli Bay and Ursua Channel will be open East of a line at Providence Point at 55°21.604' N. lat., 133° 16.18,2' W.long., to Amargura Point 55° 27.0U' N. rat., 133° 21.643' W. long.;** in Section 3-B, the following waters are closed to herring spawn-on-kelp pounds and to seining for taking herring for pounds:

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The issue is herring are spawning south of town, and our fishing area is north of town.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** Not in coordination. People were talking that this year is when the Board of Fish will be in southeast. Perfect timing for a proposal.

**PROPOSED BY:** Nik Nebl (HQ-F24-134)

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**PROPOSAL 187**

**5 AAC 27.130. Lawful gear for Southeastern Alaska Area.**

Allow the use of large mesh webbing to surround spawn on kelp pound structure to protect structure and spawn on kelp product, as follows:

**5 AAC 27.130 (e)(1)(E) webbing of no less than 7 inches that allows the free movement of herring through the web may be used to surround pound structure for protecting the pound structure and spawn on kelp product.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** After herring are introduced to a closed pound, sea lions can tear holes in the pound webbing releasing herring. In addition they may enter the pound chasing herring and destroying spawn on kelp product. We would like to be able to surround the pound structure with a larger mesh net to provide additional protection to the pound structure, spawn on kelp product, and retain the herring in the pound until released. An additional net would also prevent sea lions having access inside the pound once the pound net is lowered to release herring

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** No

**PROPOSED BY:** Derek Thynes (EF-F24-161)

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