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Below are some regulation citations for reference during committee work along with a chart of the Main Bay Hatchery Special Harvest Area (SHA). The SHA line is located approximately 0.5 miles from the head of the bay and is 0.33 miles across the bay.

5 AAC 40.005. General

(c) Where hatchery returns enter a segregated location near the release site and can be harvested without significantly affecting wild stocks, a special harvest area may be designated by regulation adopted by the board, within the hatchery permit, or by emergency orders issued by the commissioner.

(d) A private nonprofit hatchery permit holder and his agents, contractees, and employees may harvest salmon for the hatchery only in the applicable special harvest area. This does not prevent a special harvest area from being open to commercial, sport, or subsistence fishing or any combination thereof to the extent provided in regulations adopted and orders issued under this chapter. Harvesting of salmon within the special harvest area, whether by the hatchery operator or the common property fisheries, will be opened and closed by regulation or emergency order.

5 AAC 40.990. Definitions

(12) "special harvest area" means an area designated by the commissioner or the Board of Fisheries where hatchery returns are to be harvested by the hatchery operators, and, in some situations by the common property fishery;

5 AAC 24.367. Main Bay Salmon Hatchery Harvest Management Plan

(a) The purpose of the Main Bay salmon hatchery harvest management plan in this section is to provide an equitable distribution of harvest opportunity and to reduce conflicts between users in the vicinity of the Main Bay salmon hatchery. The department, in consultation with the hatchery operator, shall manage the Main Bay Subdistrict to achieve the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation's escapement goal for the Main Bay Hatchery.

EO Authority Inconsistency between the Sport Fish and Commercial Fish Divisions

- The SHAs are closed to commercial and subsistence fishing until opened by EO.
- The SHAs are open to sport fishing until closed by EO.

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Figure 2. Main Bay Subdistrict, Terminal Harvest Area, Special Harvest Area, Alternating Gear Zone

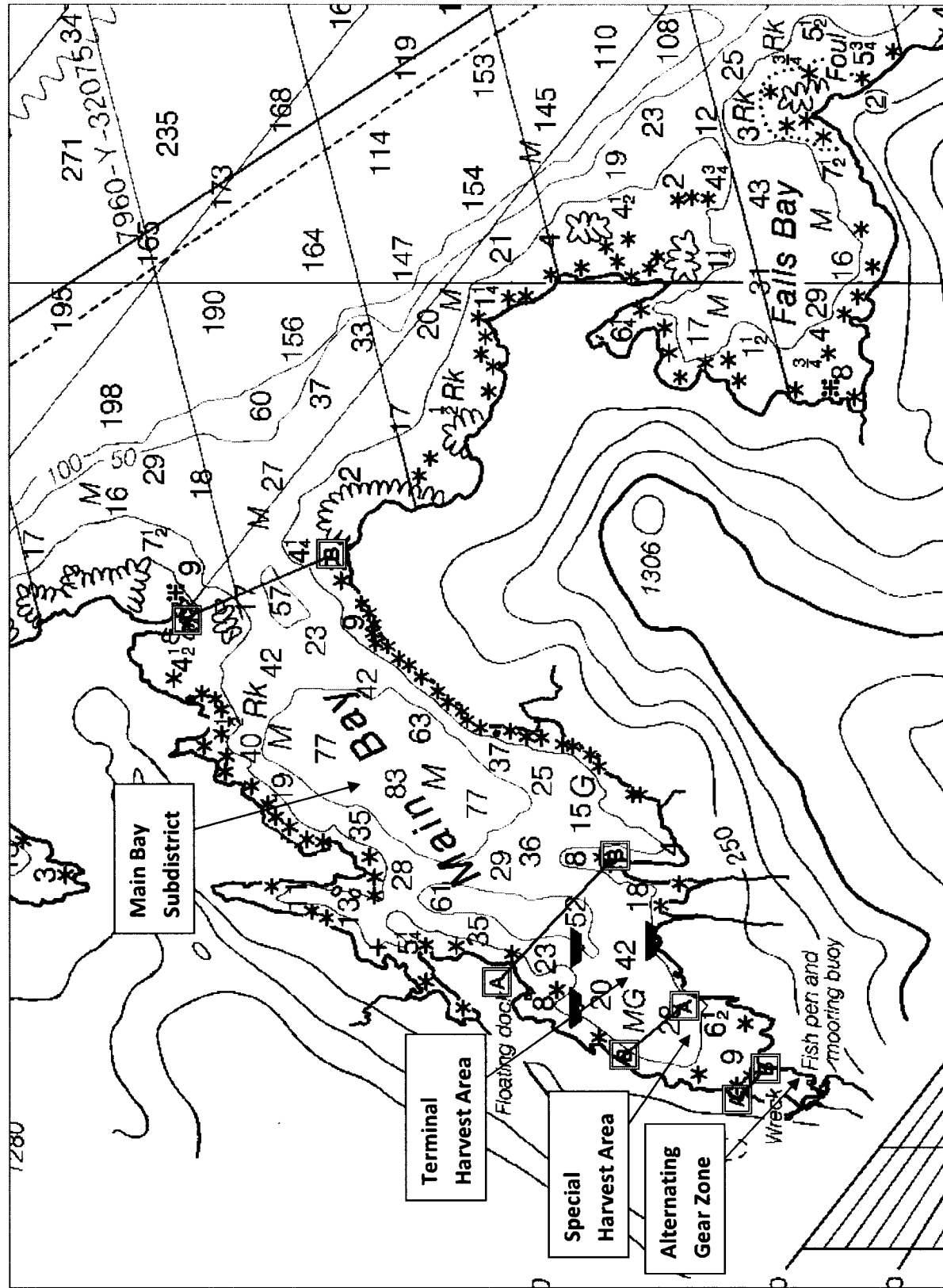




Photo 1: Cork/buoy-line marker placed seaward of the barrier net weir to preserve functionality and prevent damage and sport fishing inside of the broodstock holding area.



Photo 2: View of broodstock holding area from the hatchery shoreline. Boats tied to the cork/buoy-line marker.