

PROPOSAL 139

5 AAC 33.387. District 9: Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan.

Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator, as follows:

(d) The management plan ~~in this section distributes~~ **[allows for]** the harvest of hatchery-produced chum salmon among the purse seine,**[gillnet]**, and troll fisheries when there are excess fish not being harvested by the hatchery operator. **[The gear and rotations, if any, shall be determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the hatchery operator by emergency order.]**

~~(e) The department shall manage the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery produced chum salmon as follows:~~

- ~~(1) the gear group that is furthest from that gear group's allocation of enhanced salmon will begin with the first rotation;~~
- ~~(2) purse seine openings will be limited to a maximum of two fishing days per week in the terminal harvest area in order to harvest surplus chum salmon;~~
- ~~(3) troll openings will be limited to a maximum of five fishing days per week in the terminal harvest area in order to harvest surplus chum salmon.~~

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association began operations at Southeast Cove in 2014 a satellite release site for the Gunnuk Creek Hatchery, which NSRAA purchased in 2017. NSRAA was not the operator when the regulation was established and prefers to develop the management plan for SE Cove with fishermen and ADF&G's Area Management Biologist through the NSRAA Board process. As NSRAA develops experience with the program returns, EO fisheries, and economic harvests, NSRAA expects to develop a management plan for board of fish adoption.

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