

PROPOSAL 190

5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons.

Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery, as follows:

ELIMINATE 5 AAC 21.310 c (iii) (WILL CLOSE AUGUST 15, UNLESS CLOSED EARLIER BY EMERGENCY ORDER AFTER AUGUST 7, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT LESS THAN 1% OF THE SEASON'S TOTAL SOCKEYE HARVEST HAS BEEN TAKEN PER FISHING PERIOD FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE FISHING PERIODS IN THE COMBINED KENAI AND EAST FORELAND SECTIONS, OR SEPARATELY IN THE KASILOF SECTION.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 1% Rule

Eliminate the One Percent Rule which has no basis in science. The 2nd standard in the 10 National Standards in the Magnuson/Stevens Act reads: "Measures shall be based upon the best scientific information available". The One Percent Rule does not meet this standard.

Also, by Alaska Statute, the Commissioner of Fish and Game is charged to manage the fisheries for the "well being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle".

The One Percent Rule does not fit with the Commissioner's duty by statute.

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