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5 AAC 33.200. Fishing district and sections; 5 AAC 33.310. Fishing seasons and periods for net gear; and 5 AAC 33.359. Section 6-D Pink salmon management plan.

Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

5 AAC 33.200 (f), 5 AAC 33.310(a)(6) and (c)(2)(B) and 5 AAC 33.359 are amended to read:

5 AAC 33.200 (f)(4) Section 6-D: [ALL OTHER WATERS OF THE DISTRICT] waters east of Sections 6-B and 6-C and west of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56010.68' N. lat., 132044.36'W. long. to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56010.27' N. lat., 132043.57' W. long. to a point on Etolin Island at 56009.60' N. lat., 132042.70' W. long. to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56000.69' N. lat., 132036.47' W. long. (f)(5) Section 6-E: all other waters of the district.

5 AAC 33.310(a)(6) District 6, Sections 6-C, 6-D and 6-E only;

(c)(2)(B) Section[S] 6-D [WEST OF A LINE FROM MARIPOSA ROCK BUOY AT 56010.68' N. LAT., 132044.36'W. LONG. TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT HARRINGTON AT 56010.27' N. LAT., 132043.57' W. LONG. TO A POINT ON ETOLIN ISLAND AT 56009.60' N. LAT., 132042.70' W.LONG. TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT STANHOPE AT 56000.69' N. LAT., 132036.47' W. LONG.] is open.

5 AAC 33.359 Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan. (a) The department may open those portions of Section 6-D [DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 33.313(C)(2)(B)] to drift gillnet fishing during the period of time that is after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September as described in this section.

(b) If a purse seine fishery is announced to be opened or is opened in [THE PORTION OF] Section 6-D [DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 33.310(C)(2)(B)] for any portion of one day, the drift gillnet fishery may open in [THE SAME PORTION OF] Section 6-D as follows:

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The portion of Section 6-D that may open to drift gillnetting at certain times of the salmon season should be clearly defined. This issue has been confusing for many years. We suggest that a new section in District 6 be adopted that clearly defines this area. This change would not affect existing purse seine and drift gillnet fishing opportunities in District 6.