PROPOSAL 165

5 AAC 27.110. Fishing seasons for Southeastern Alaska Area.

Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows:

Allow the harvest of the uncaught quota from the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery to be harvested during a food and bait fishery by G01A permit holders in Sitka Sound as follows:

5 AAC 27.110 (a) delete [SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF CAPE ASPID (56 41.75 N LAT)] (b) Herring may be taken in the sac roe fishery [ONLY] during seasons established by emergency order in the following sections;

Add section: (g) In section 13b herring can only be taken for food or bait by G01A permit holders.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? When the market for sac roe herring is weak the quota for the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery goes unharvested. There is no other way to harvest the herring and generate revenue for the fleet, their crews, the processors, and the community. By allowing the harvest of the quota for other usages it creates the opportunity to develop new markets and products for the resource.

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