

PROPOSAL 59

5 AAC 24.350. Closed waters.

Reduce waters closed to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:

The closed area in this proposal is defined in both the closed waters of the Eastern and Southeastern districts. Unit 3(A) would be modified as follows while Unit 11(E) would be removed.

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(3) Eastern District

(A) Simpson Bay, north of 60° 38.00' N. lat. [ORCA INLET AND NELSON BAY SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE FROM SALMO POINT TO SHEPARD POINT, AND ALL OF ORCA INLET SOUTHEAST OF HAWKINS ISLAND]

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(11) Southeastern District

(E) [HAWKINS CUTOFF-ORCA INLET AREA: SOUTH OF A LINE FROM 60° 27.86' LAT., 146° 19.72' W. LONG. TO 60° 27.65' N. LAT., 146° 21.39' W. LONG., AND ORCA INLET AND NELSON BAY SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE FROM SALMO POINT TO SHEPARD POINT, AND ALL OF ORCA INLET SOUTHEAST OF HAWKINS ISLAND;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to expansive closed waters in Orca Inlet, harvestable surpluses of pink and chum salmon in the area have not been utilized in a fishery. Strong returns to streams within this area have been observed in recent years.

PROPOSED BY: Cordova District Fishermen United

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