

PROPOSAL 60

5 AAC 24.350. Closed waters.

Update closed waters defined in regulation by incorporating GPS locations to replace closed waters areas historically defined by physical markers, as follows:

5 AAC 24.350 is amended to read:

(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;

(B) Sheep Bay: north of a line from 60° 41.99' N. lat., 145° 56.11' W. long. to 60° 41.17' N. lat., 145° 55.87' W. long., **and east of a line from 60° 40.08' N. lat., 145° 58.61' W. long. to 60° 39.45' N. lat., 145° 58.88' W. long.;**

(C) Plateau Creek: south of a line from 60° 42.60' N. lat., 146° 08.28' W. long. to 60° 42.67' N. lat., 146° 07.80' W. long.;

(D) [(C)] Comfort Cove: east of a line from 60° 42.96' N. lat., 146° 05.67' W. long. to 60° 42.70' N. lat., 146° 05.78' W. long.;

(E) [(D)] Olsen Bay: north of 60° 44.06' N. lat.;

(F) [(E)] Beartrap Bay: east of a line from 60° 44.86' N. lat., 145° 59.64' W. long. to 60° 44.60' N. lat., 145° 59.86' W. long.; [60° 44.55' N. LAT., 145° 59.62' W. LONG.];

(G) Port Gravina: north of 60° 46.30' N. lat.;

(H) [(F)] St. Matthews Bay: east of a line at 146° 18.09' W. long., and within 500 yards of the northwestern shore, north of 60° 45.36' N. lat.;

(I) Snug Corner Cove: south of a line from 60° 43.51' N. lat., 146° 38.51' W. long. to 60° 43.82' N. lat., 146° 38.00' W. long.;

(J) [(G)] Two Moon Bay: south of a line from 60° 44.74' N. lat., 146° 30.15' W. long. to 60° 44.63' N. lat., 146° 30.93' W. long.; and south of a line from 60° 44.25' N. lat., 146° 34.42' W. long. and 60° 44.23' N. lat., 146° 35.10' W. long.;

(K) [(H)] Irish Cove: south of a line from 60° 46.13' N. lat., 146° 26.84' W. long. to 60° 46.06' N. lat., 146° 26.62' W. long.;

(L) [(I)] Whalen Bay: east of a line from 60° 49.23' N. lat., 146° 15.17' W. long. to 60° 48.59' N. lat., 146° 16.02' W. long.;

(M) Fidalgo River Delta: North of a line from 60° 51.77' N. lat., 146° 34.42' W. long. to 60° 51.75' N. lat., 146° 10.19' W. long.;

(N) Sunny River Delta: North of a line from 60° 51.99' N. lat., 146° 13.82' W. long. to 60° 51.85' N. lat., 146° 16.13' W. long.;

(O) Fidalgo Bay: East of a line from 60° 50.93' N. lat., 146° 8.05' W. long. to 60° 50.20' N. lat., 146° 7.03' W. long.;

(P) Short Creek: north of a line from 60° 50.99' N. lat., 146° 16.85' W. long. to 60° 51.12' N. lat., 146° 16.00' W. long., and west of a line from 60° 51.16' N. lat., 146° 15.93' W. long. and 60° 51.35' N. lat., 146° 16.10' W. long.;

(Q) [(J)] Fish Bay: north of 60° 48.92' N. lat.;

(R) Banzer Creek: within the bay east of a line from 60° 48.56' N. lat., 146° 33.53' W. long. to 60° 49.11' N. lat., 146° 33.85' W. long.;

(S) [(K)] Landlocked Bay: within the bay east of a line in the narrows from 60° 51.13' N. lat., 146° 34.05' W. long. to 60° 51.42' N. lat., 146° 34.12' W. long.;

(T) [(L)] Galena Bay: east of a line from 60° 55.64' N. lat., 146° 38.16' W. long. to 60° 56.41' N. lat., 146° 36.22' W. long., and within 1,000 yards of the north shore between 60° 57.13' N. lat., 146° 38.83' W. long. and 60° 56.81' N. lat., 146° 36.55' W. long.;

(U) [(M)] Jack Bay: south and east of a line from 61° 01.76' N. lat., 146° 34.52' W. long. to 61° 01.01' N. lat., 146° 34.34' W. long., and within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all other salmon streams of the bay;

(V) [(N)] Mineral Creek Delta, Gold Creek, and Kadis Creek: north of a line from 61° 07.45' N. lat., 146° 23.75' W. long. to 61° 07.45' N. lat., 146° 29.80' W. long.;

(W) [(O)] Head of Port Valdez: waters east of a line from a point west of the Valdez boat harbor at 61° 07.47' N. lat., 146° 22.67' W. long. to a point on the south shore at 61° 05.13' N. lat., 146° 17.82' W. long.;

(X) [(P)] Allison Creek, Sawmill Creek, and the Alyeska Safety Zone: within 200 yards of the shore from Allison Point at 61° 05.16' N. lat., 146° 20.72' W. long. to a point west of Sawmill Creek at 61° 04.81' N. lat., 146° 27.32' W. long.;

(Y) [(Q)] Sawmill Bay, Valdez Arm: north of 61° 03.14' N. lat. in the northern arm of the bay and west of a line from 61° 03.14' N. lat., 146° 47.41' W. long. to 61° 02.74' N. lat., 146° 47.27' W. long. in the western arm of the bay;

(4) Northern District:

(A) Long Bay: north of a line from 60° 59.09' N. lat., 147° 14.52' W. long. to 60° 58.97' N. lat., 147° 13.17' W. long., north of a line from 60° 59.24' N. lat., 147° 16.35' W. long. to 60° 59.26' N. lat., 147° 16.59' W. long., north of a line from 60° 59.14' N. lat., 147° 16.93' W. long. to 60° 59.03' N. lat., 147° 17.32' W. long., and west of a line from 60° 58.46' N. lat., 147° 16.52' W. long. to 60° 57.52' N. lat., 147° 16.56' W. long.;

(B) Granite Bay: east of a line from 60° 55.35' N. lat., 147° 24.24' W. long. to 60° 55.26' N. lat., 147° 24.19' W. long.;

(C) Cedar Bay: north of 60° 58.00' N. lat.;

(D) [(B)] Eaglek Bay: north of 60° 53.46' N. lat.;

(E) [(C)] Wells Bay: east of a line from 61° 00.59' N. lat., 147° 25.59' W. long. to 61° 00.16' N. lat., 147° 25.48' W. long., and north of a line from 61° 00.17' N. lat., 147° 28.88' W. long. to 61° 00.11' N. lat., 147° 29.31' W. long.;

(F) [(D)] Siwash Bay: west of a line from 60° 57.48' N. lat., 147° 39.73' W. long. to 60° 56.97' N. lat., 147° 39.52' W. long.;

(G) [(E)] Jonah Bay: west of a line from 61° 00.82' N. lat., 147° 38.63' W. long. to 60° 56.96' N. lat., 147° 38.51' W. long.;

(H) [(F)] Unakwik Inlet: within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all salmon streams north of 60° 51.97' N. lat.;

(I) Derickson Bay: west of a line from 60° 52.18' N. lat., 147° 48.43' W. long. to 60° 51.88' N. lat., 147° 48.48' W. long.;

(J) Schoppe Bay: east of 147° 39.55' W. long.;

(5) Unakwik District:

(A) Unakwik Inlet: [IN UNAKWIK INLET] within 1,000 yards of the terminus of all salmon streams [IN THE DISTRICT] south of 61° 04.97' N. lat.;

(B) Miners Bay: east of a line from 61° 03.80' N. lat., 147° 30.27' W. long. to 61° 04.32' N. lat., 147° 29.94' W. long.;

(6) Coghill District:

(A) Esther Passage: east of a line from 60° 51.49' N. lat., 147° 54.65' W. long. to 60° 52.36' N. lat., 147° 54.85' W. long.; **and east of a line from 60° 54.20' N. lat., 147° 56.91' W. long. to 60° 53.83' N. lat., 147° 56.63' W. long.;**

(B) Golden River: east of a line from 60° 57.76' N. lat., 148° 00.82' W. long. to 60° 58.76' N. lat., 147° 59.59' W. long.;

(C) Coghill River: north of a line from 61° 04.06' N. lat., 147° 57.01' W. long. to 61° 03.33' N. lat., 147° 55.62' W. long.; [(B) College Fiord: within 500 yards of the terminus of Coghill River and within the cove immediately north of the Coghill River mouth;]

(D) Barry Arm: north of a line from 61° 00.62' N. lat., 148° 05.61' W. long. to 61° 02.31' N. lat., 148° 07.00' W. long.;

(E) Harrison Lagoon: west of a line from 60° 59.37' N. lat., 148° 11.00' W. long. to 60° 58.14' N. lat., 148° 11.43' W. long.;

(F) Hobo Bay: north of a line from 60° 57.14' N. lat., 148° 13.13' W. long. to 60° 56.76' N. lat., 148° 14.02' W. long.;

(G) Bettles Bay: north and west of a line from 60° 56.42' N. lat., 148° 17.82' W. long. to 60° 56.76' N. lat., 148° 16.69' W. long.;

(H) Hummer Bay: north of a line from 60° 53.43' N. lat., 148° 17.42' W. long. to 60° 53.24' N. lat., 148° 18.31' W. long.;

(I) Pirate Cove: west of a line from 60° 52.54' N. lat., 148° 17.68' W. long. to 60° 52.07' N. lat., 148° 17.62' W. long.;

(J) Pigot Bay: west of a line from 60° 51.02' N. lat., 148° 20.97' W. long. to 60° 49.94' N. lat., 148° 21.92' W. long.;

(7) Northwestern District:

(A) Logging Camp Bay: north of a line from 60° 49.36' N. lat., 148° 25.29' W. long. to 60° 49.79' N. lat., 148° 26.22' W. long.;

(B) [(A)] Blackstone Bay: south of a line from 60° 45.95' N. lat., 148° 29.56' W. long. to 60° 45.81' N. lat., 148° 26.61' W. long.;

(C) [(B)] Passage Canal (Shotgun Cove): south of a line from 60° 48.11' N. lat., 148° 33.08' W. long. to 60° 47.90' N. lat., 148° 32.09' W. long.;

(D) [(C)] Cochrane Bay: southwest of a line from 60° 39.61' N. lat., 148° 25.41' W. long. to 60° 38.11' N. lat., 148° 24.57' W. long., west of a line from 60° 43.76' N. lat., 148° 22.52' W. long. to 60° 41.45' N. lat., 148° 23.09' W. long., east of a line from 60° 39.96' N. lat., 148° 21.67' W. long. to 60° 39.33' N. lat., 148° 22.27' W. long., and Surprise Cove west of a line from 60° 45.89' N. lat., 148° 22.02' W. long. to 60° 45.12' N. lat., 148° 22.31' W. long.;

(E) [(D)] Long Bay (Culross Passage): west of a line from 60° 41.87' N. lat., 148° 15.74' W. long. to 60° 41.61' N. lat., 148° 15.52' W. long.;

(F) [(E)] Port Nellie Juan (Mink Creek): northwest of a line from 60° 35.66' N. lat., 148° 13.82' W. long. to 60° 34.56' N. lat., 148° 16.47' W. long.; and north of a line from 60° 33.61' N. lat., 148° 17.79' W. long. to 60° 33.90' N. lat., 148° 17.34' W. long.;

(G) [(F)] East Finger Inlet: north of 60° 32.51' N. lat.;

(H) [(G)] West Finger Inlet: north of a line from 60° 34.16' N. lat., 148° 27.02' W. long. to 60° 34.11' N. lat., 148° 26.21' W. long.;

(I) Kings Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.27' N. lat., 148° 41.50' W. long. to 60° 27.81' N. lat., 148° 37.94' W. long.;

(J) Greystone Bay: south of a line from 60° 31.53' N. lat., 148° 26.16' W. long. to 60° 31.00' N. lat., 148° 25.58' W. long.;

(K) McClure Bay: south of a line from 60° 30.24' N. lat., 148° 10.56' W. long. to 60° 30.29' N. lat., 148° 9.61' W. long.;

(8) Eshamy District:

(A) Eshamy Bay and its tributary waters: waters within the Eshamy Lagoon and its tributaries and within 100 yards outside the narrows at the entrance of Eshamy Lagoon;

(B) Gumboot Creek: within 750 yards of the terminus of Gumboot Creek on the northern shore of Eshamy Bay;

(9) Southwestern District:

(A) Dangerous Passage: within 1,000 yards of all salmon streams in Dangerous Passage between 148° 08.87' W. long. and 148° 02.62' W. long.;

(B) Ewan Bay: west of 148° 08.35' W. long.;

(C) Paddy Bay: north of a line from 60° 23.97' N. lat., 148° 06.07' W. long. to 60° 23.91' N. lat., 148° 04.91' W. long.;

(D) Jackpot Bay: north and west of a line from 60° 20.74' N. lat., 148° 13.18' W. long. to 60° 20.52' N. lat., 148° 13.41' W. long.;

(E) Whale Bay: south of 60° 14.16' N. lat.;

(F) Port Bainbridge: north of a line from 60° 09.72' N. lat., 148° 19.96' W. long. to 60° 09.68' N. lat., 148° 20.56' W. long.;

(G) Hogg Bay: north of a line from 60° 05.10' N. lat., 148° 12.05' W. long. to 60° 04.94' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long., and east of a line from 60° 04.32' N. lat., 148° 11.47' W. long. to 60° 04.01' N. lat., 148° 11.62' W. long.

(H) Bainbridge Island: within the bay south of a line from 60° 07.58' N. lat., 148° 06.83' W. long. to 60° 07.80' N. lat., 148° 06.31' W. long.;

(I) Ikuta Bay: south of a line from 60° 06.58' N. lat., 148° 00.80' W. long. to 60° 06.60' N. lat., 148° 00.12' W. long.;

(J) Mummy Bay: north of a line from 60° 13.75' N. lat., 147° 49.12' W. long. to 60° 13.31' N. lat., 147° 48.57' W. long.;

(K) Thumb Bay: south and east of a line from 60° 12.83' N. lat., 147° 48.82' W. long. to 60° 12.61' N. lat., 147° 49.52' W. long.;

(L) Hogan Bay: north of 60° 12.00' N. lat.;

(M) Snug Harbor: west of 147° 45.55' W. long.;

(10) Montague District:

(A) Zaikof Bay: south of 60° 16.86' N. lat., and within 1,000 yards of the southeastern shore of the bay from a point at 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 00.15' W. long. to a line at 60° 16.86' N. lat.;

(B) Rocky Bay: west of a line from a point at 60° 21.30' N. lat., 147° 06.66' W. long. to a point at 60° 20.54' N. lat., 147° 05.61' W. long.;

(C) Stockdale Harbor: east of a line from a point at 60° 19.56' N. lat., 147° 12.02' W. long. to a point at 60° 18.26' N. lat., 147° 11.72' W. long.;

(D) Port Chalmers: within a line from a point at 60° 16.97' N. lat., 147° 12.62' W. long. to a point at 60° 16.06' N. lat., 147° 12.63' W. long., from a point at 60° 15.37' N. lat., 147° 12.31' W. long. to a point at 60° 14.16' N. lat., 147° 14.42' W. long., and from a point at 60° 13.86' N. lat., 147° 14.77' W. long. to a point at 60° 13.56' N. lat., 147° 16.82' W. long.;

(E) Hanning Bay: east of a line from a point at 59° 58.93' N. lat., 147° 41.46' W. long. to a point at 59° 57.15' N. lat., 147° 42.99' W. long.;

(F) MacLeod Harbor: east of a line from a point at 59° 53.26' N. lat., 147° 46.12' W. long. to a point at 59° 52.46' N. lat., 147° 46.52' W. long.;

(G) Montague Strait: within 500 yards of the northwestern shore of Montague Island from 60° 04.61' N. lat., 147° 28.82' W. long. to 60° 03.13' N. lat., 147° 33.17' W. long., and from 60° 02.10' N. lat., 147° 34.28' W. long. to 59° 59.94' N. lat., 147° 40.57' W. long.;

(H) Green Island: west of a line from 60° 18.19' N. lat., 147° 23.51' W. long. to 60° 18.19' N. lat., 147° 21.02' W. long., and east of a line from 60° 16.37' N. lat., 147° 26.51' W. long. to 60° 16.99' N. lat., 147° 26.07' W. long.;

(11) Southeastern District:

(A) Port Etches: east of a line from 60° 21.09' N. lat., 146° 33.94' W. long. to 60° 20.06' N. lat., 146° 32.72' W. long., and south of a line from 60° 19.71' N. lat., 146° 34.11' W. long. to 60° 19.01' N. lat., 146° 35.62' W. long.;

(B) Constantine Harbor: within the harbor from 60° 21.25' N. lat., 146° 36.29' W. long. to 60° 21.04' N. lat., 146° 37.10' W. long.;

(C) Deer Cove, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 23.35' N. lat., 146° 43.58' W. long. to 60° 23.81' N. lat., 146° 42.73' W. long.;

(D) Juania Cove, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 24.07' N. lat., 146° 42.73' W. long. to 60° 24.70' N. lat., 146° 42.30' W. long.;

(E) [(C)] Shelter Bay, Hinchinbrook Island: east of a line from 60° 26.31' N. lat., 146° 40.12' W. long. to 60° 25.66' N. lat., 146° 40.02' W. long.;

(F) [(D)] Anderson Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.24' N. lat., 146° 30.78' W. long. to 60° 28.42' N. lat., 146° 31.20' W. long.;

(G) Double Bay: south of a line from 60° 28.03' N. lat., 146° 29.11' W. long. to 60° 28.26' N. lat., 146° 28.55' W. long., and south of a line from 60° 28.25' N. lat., 146° 27.71' W. long. to 60° 28.02' N. lat., 146° 26.61' W. long.;

(H) [(E)] Hawkins Cutoff-Orca Inlet Area: south of a line from 60° 27.86' N. 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;

(I) [(F)] Canoe Passage: south of a line from 60° 31.18' N. lat., 146° 07.43' W. long. to 60° 31.13' N. lat., 146° 07.07' W. long.;

(J) Windy Bay: south of a line from 60° 33.89' N. lat., 145° 57.69' W. long. to 60° 33.71' N. lat., 145° 58.64' W. long.;

(12) in other streams or rivers: within 500 yards of the terminus of the stream or river or as posted as specified in 5 AAC 39.290.

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently many closed water areas in Prince William Sound are identified by physical markers and are not defined in regulation. The department maintained closed waters markers in these areas for decades, but the maintenance of these markers ended in 2005 due to budget cuts. Most of these markers identify closed waters associated with anadromous stream mouths. These painted plywood markers have been gradually disappearing since the end of the maintenance program. Without these markers, and no GPS coordinates, closed water locations are unclear to stakeholders and difficult to enforce. This proposal replaces locations historically defined by these markers with GPS coordinates.

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