

Substitute language for Proposal 166

Proposed regulatory structure for open pound roe on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound:

- Only available as an option to existing Sitka Sound sac roe (G01A) permit holders.
- Permit holders desiring to participate should notify the Department by a set date after the harvest guideline is released and before the fishery...Department would need to set that date.
- Each participant would be allotted an “average share” of the harvest guideline with a maximum of 200 tons to utilize towards a harvest of 100,000 pounds of roe on kelp. The remainder will be left out of the fishery, included in the fishery, or a portion to each.
- Maximum of 4 raft structures may be used. Rafts may not exceed 2400 sq. feet.
- Open area includes all area open to the sac roe fishery with the addition that no more than 2 of the 4 rafts will be allowed to access the “core area” currently closed to the sac roe fishery.
- Rafts in the “core area” will only be allowed one line to shore to ensure access by subsistence users between the raft and the shoreline. Rafts outside the “core area” may be tied to shore as appropriate.
- A raft is considered “fishing” when kelp is introduced to the raft.
- Non “fishing” rafts must be introduced kelp and “fishing” within 24 hours of being established in an area of potential spawn.
- Harvested product will be landed and weighed by certified scales at a dock and fish tickets for the landing will be completed at that time.
- Product in excess of the 100,000 lb harvest guideline will be left in the water to hatch.