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Modified Proposal 117 as a compromise to allow the use of 2 extra lines for commercial chum trolling only in the Crawfish/West Crawfish area.

e) In the areas described in areas (3) and (4) in this section trollers may use 6 lines during the following times in the defined areas. * Note that area "(4)" is the new West Crawfish area:

(1) August and September (historic enhanced chum troll run season for these areas)

This would remove the ability to utilize the proposed 2 extra line provision in Sitka Sound by striking **(1)** from the **“(e)”** section of the new proposed language but maintain allowing the provision to be utilized in Crawfish/West Crawfish area only, defined as **(3)** and **(4)** in the **“(e)”** section.

The map below show areas that trollers spend a good portion of our time when chum fishing in Crawfish/West Crawfish. As you can see, these deep and long inlets provide trollers a nice long area to chum troll in. For example, although some chum trollers prefer short “drags”, many prefer doing longer “drags”. If utilizing the full extent of the chum troll drag in West Crawfish, a troller going the chum troll speed of 1.5kts would be going one direction for up to 4.5hrs before needing to turn around. This is very similar in the adjacent Crawfish area as well.

