

PROPOSAL 172

5 AAC 27.190. Herring Management Plan for Southeastern Alaska Area.

Reduce upper end of sliding scale harvest rate for Southeast Alaska commercial herring fisheries from 20 to 15 percent, as follows:

5 AAC 27.190(4) is amended to read:

(4) except as provided elsewhere, may allow a harvest of herring at an exploitation rate between 10 percent and **15**[20] percent of the estimated spawning biomass when that biomass is above the minimum threshold level;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Based on recent research, and as a precaution recognizing that harvest rate strategy evaluations have not been completed for Southeast Alaska herring stocks, the department recommends a sliding scale harvest rate of 10 to 15 percent (15 percent maximum).

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

(HQ-F24-153)
