

PROPOSAL 184

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, 13-C, and District 7.

Expand open area in Section 3-B for placement spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds.

5 AAC 27.185 (c) Section 3B open pound area. Extended to Miraballes and including Doyle Bay, expanding open area - Point Amargura to Point Providence.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Herring Pounding has been open in Southern Southeast Alaska for over twenty years, this past two years (2022 and 2023) a majority of the groups were NOT able to fill their pens, this has caused a major financial problem for many. The State did observe 20-30 miles of span, the herring just did not go to the areas that they historically have and that are open to commercial fishing.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Several groups have expressed support over expanding fishable areas.

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