

PROPOSAL 98

5 AAC_27.300. Description of Prince William Sound Area.

Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions, as follows:

5 AAC 27.300 is amended to read:

The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between 148° 50.25' W. long. (near Cape Fairfield) and 144° W. long. (near Cape Suckling). [THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA HAS AS ITS WESTERN BOUNDARY A LINE EXTENDING SOUTH FROM CAPE FAIRFIELD, AS ITS EASTERN BOUNDARY A LINE EXTENDING SOUTH FROM CAPE SUCKLING AND AS ITS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY 59° N. LAT.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Prince William Sound Area herring and salmon fisheries boundaries do not align. The current herring fishery management area east boundary overlaps the Yakutat Area western boundary, and its south boundary is outside of state managed waters.

Additionally, there is no geospatial reference in this regulation to accurately define the western and eastern boundaries of the Prince William Sound Area. Defining these boundaries along lines of longitude will allow for a consistent and repeatable point of reference for those involved in area fisheries.

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