

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
THE CAPE IGVAK SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

*See also #78-38-FB,
#48-40-FB*

On years when a harvestable surplus (the number of fish the Department determines not to be necessary for escapement) beyond the escapement goals for the first (Black Lake) and second (Chignik Lake) runs of Chignik River sockeye salmon is expected to be less than 600,000 there will be no commercial salmon fishery allowed in the Cape Igvak section until a harvest of 300,000 sockeye salmon in the Chignik area is achieved. After July 8, and after at least 300,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik area, the Department will manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik area will approach as near as possible 600,000 or more and the harvest in the Cape Igvak section will approach as nearly as possible 15 percent of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch.

On years when a harvestable surplus beyond escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River sockeye salmon is expected to be more than 600,000 but if the first run fails to develop as predicted and it is determined that a total sockeye salmon harvest in the Chignik area of 600,000 or more may not be achieved, the Cape Igvak section commercial salmon fishery will be curtailed in order to allow at least a minimum harvest in the Chignik area of 300,000 sockeye salmon by July 9 if that number of fish are determined to be surplus to the escapement goals of the Chignik River system. After July 8, and after at least 300,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested in the Chignik area, the Department will manage the fishery so that the number of sockeye salmon harvested in the Chignik area will approach as nearly as possible 600,000 or more and the harvest in the Cape Igvak section will approach as nearly as possible 15 percent of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch.

On years when a harvestable surplus beyond the escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik River sockeye salmon is expected to be more than 600,000 and the Department determines the runs are as strong as expected, the Department will manage the fishery in such a manner so that the number of sockeye salmon taken in the Cape Igvak section will approach as nearly as possible 15 percent of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch.

The total Chignik sockeye salmon catch is composed of those sockeye salmon caught within the Chignik area plus 80 percent of the sockeye salmon caught in the East Stepovak, West Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections plus 80 percent of the sockeye salmon caught in the Cape Igvak section. The harvest in the Cape Igvak section at any time prior to July 25 may fluctuate above or below 15 percent of the cumulative Chignik sockeye salmon catch.

This allocation method will be in effect through July 25. The first fishing period of the commercial salmon fishing season in the Cape Igvak section will not occur prior to the first fishing period of the commercial salmon fishing season in the Chignik area. After July 25 each year, commercial salmon fishing in the Cape Igvak section may be allowed on local Kodiak area stocks or specifically for Chignik River system sockeye salmon if the second run escapement has reached 200,000.

During the period from approximately June 26 to July 9, the strength of the second run of Chignik River system sockeye salmon cannot be evaluated. In

order to prevent overharvest of the second run, the commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak section will be disallowed or severely restricted during this period.

The Department shall announce commercial salmon fishing periods by emergency order. The Department shall give at least one day's notice prior to the opening of a commercial salmon fishing period unless it is an extension of a fishing period in progress.

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