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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

RC 227

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Alaska Board of Fisheries
Board Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

RE: Cook Inlet Regulatory Meeting 01.31- 02.13/14

Proposal 154 Amended Language in RC 179

Chairman Karl Johnstone,

We would respectfully request that BOF members reconsider proposal 154 to include amended language as stated here and in RC 179.

5 AAC 21.365 Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan

New language would read:

(c) (3)... to within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark in the Kasilof Section and as specified in 5 AAC 21.335 (a);

(f) ... and that area in the Kasilof Section designated as the expanded KRSHA which is defined as within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark and as specified in 5 AAC 21.335 (a),

Please read the statements below that support our reasoning for the board to address this problem.

You would have saved more Kenai kings than fishing the entire terminal area time (days) with 64,000 sockeye utilized as commercial harvest and not put into escapement. "The 64,000 sockeye in the terminal could have been harvested in one 12-hour opening before July 1 with a Kenai king component of 32 kings of which 26 jack kings and approx. 6 age 1.3 greater than 30 inches, for the entire Kasilof Section-opened, 6 Kenai kings age 1.3 per 60,000 Kasilof River Sockeye

If you opened three times by EO before July 6th as per Kasilof Plan you would have saved even more Kenai kings > 30 inches than fishing the entire times for 14 days in the terminal - along with not putting 150,000 sockeye into escapement but commercially harvested with an ex-vessel value of \$2 million dollars.

Tracy Lingnau told the Anchorage AC, "that Commercial Fisheries Division primary reason to open the KRSHA last summer was to save Kenai kings." Tracy followed with, "that was a big mistake and should have fished the Kasilof Section more often early in the season."

*The Kasilof District is regulated to open to within 1.5 nautical miles from the shoreline. This 600ft "**pecially designated extended KRSHA fishing zone**" amounts to just 6% of that normally open area in a regularly scheduled period.*

Many of us believe that this action will save more kings than other proposed changes as it restricts time and area. Two proven management tools that have direct effects on harvest success for any salmon.

We have included a map for your reference to better evaluate the changes.

Thank you,



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Spokesperson

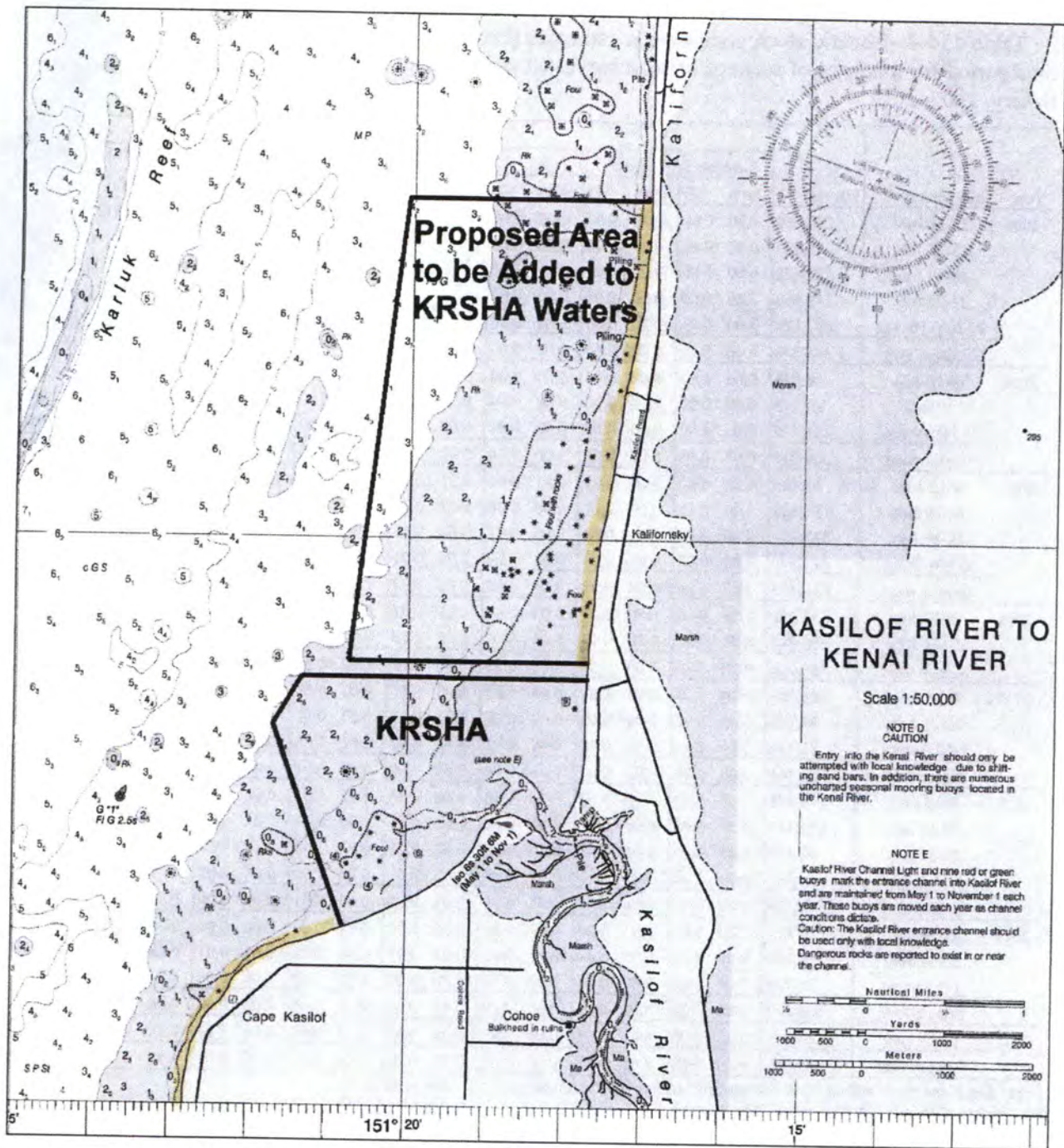


Figure 154-1.—Map of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.

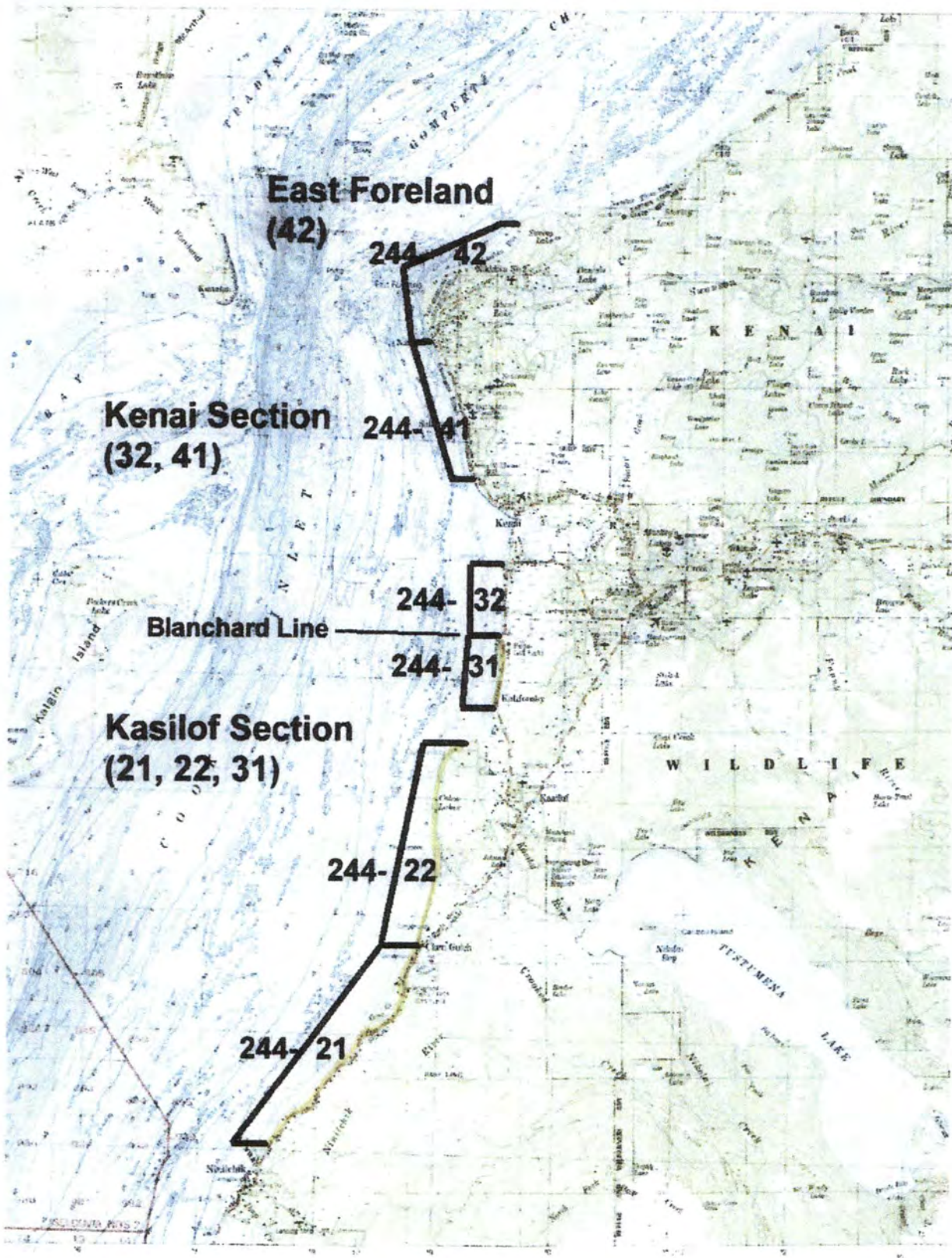


Figure 215-1.—Map of Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (ESSN) statistical areas.