

**PROPOSAL 276**

**5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans; 5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.**

Extend sunset provision dates in several Southeastern commercial salmon enhancement allocation and management plans, as follows:

**5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.**

(a) During July, the department may allow the operation of purse seines in District 12 north of Point Marsden to harvest pink salmon migrating northward in Chatham Strait only as follows:

(1) the department may open only those portions of the area in which a harvestable abundance of pink salmon is observed; open areas and times must consider conservation concerns for all species in the area;

(2) Through the **2021** [2020] season, the department shall close the seine fishery in District 12 north of Point Marsden after 15,000 wild sockeye salmon are harvested by seine vessels that the department identifies as taken north of Point Marsden when other areas are open concurrently through July 22; hatchery-produced sockeye salmon will not count against the 15,000 wild sockeye salmon harvest limit; during the openings, the department will use aerial flyovers, on-the-ground sampling, interviews, and fish tickets to estimate the sockeye salmon harvest north of Point Marsden.

**5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan**

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(b) The department, in consultation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), shall open and close, by emergency order, fishing seasons and periods to manage the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56\_ 59.35' N. lat., 135\_ 22.63' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Long Island, to the easternmost tip of Long Island, to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island, to the westernmost tip of Error Island, to the westernmost tip of Berry Island, to the southernmost tip of Berry Island, to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group, to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group, to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57\_ 00.30' N. lat., 135\_ 17.67' W. long., to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57\_ 00.08' N. lat., 135\_ 16.78' W. long., and then to a point on the Baranof Island shore at 56\_ 59.93' N. lat., 135\_ 16.53' W. long., as follows:

(1) salmon may be taken by purse seines and drift gillnets only during periods established by emergency order, as follows:

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(D) for the 2019, **2020, and 2021** [AND 2020] seasons, the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is one to one;

**5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan**

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(d) The department shall manage the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area from May 1 through November 10 to distribute the harvest of excess hatchery-produced king, coho, and chum salmon as follows:

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(4) for the 2018 through **2021** [2020] fishing seasons, the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is one to one.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** At the 2018 Southeast Finfish and Shellfish, the Alaska Board of Fisheries amended two Southeastern Alaska commercial salmon enhancement plans and one purse seine fishery management plan to add a sunset date for set provisions to end in 2020, with the intent to revisit the status of the fishery at the January 2021 Southeast Finfish and Shellfish meeting. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the board was unable to meet in person to review and deliberate on these allocative subjects. At the request of several Southeast organizations, the board agreed to consider changing the sunset date from 2020 to 2021, while retaining the original allocative proposals for review and action at the next in-person Southeast finfish meeting.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Board of Fisheries

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