

ACR 12

Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnet gear in the Southeastern District Mainland concurrent to commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area (5 AAC 09.360).

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

5 AAC: 09.360 NEW

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

A lack of sufficient fishing opportunity for South Alaska Peninsula set net fishermen has resulted in disastrous fishing seasons in recent years; both 2024 & 2025 set net Sockeye salmon June harvests for the South Alaska Peninsula were 65% below the previous 5-year 2019-2023 season average set net gear Sockeye harvests, and the 2026 June South Peninsula Sockeye set net harvest was 81% below the previous 10-year average harvest for the set net fleet.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

South Alaska Peninsula set net fishermen are allowed to fish in the Southeast District Mainland whenever Chignik Management Area fishermen are permitted to fish.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED BELOW.

for a fishery conservation purpose or reason:

not applicable

to correct an error in regulation:

not applicable

to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:

It was unforeseen that restrictions on set net fishermen in the SEDM for June and beyond could result in disastrous fishing seasons causing economic harm and forcing set net operations to fold.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

South Alaska Peninsula set net fishermen may be forced to go out of business.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

The SEDM allocation is part of the Chignik Management Plan; South Alaska Peninsula set net fishermen do not take a large portion of the harvest. This action is about survival for these fishermen.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

A potential federal fishery disaster determination has recently been requested by the local borough Assembly to the Governor.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FISHERY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

Commercial Fisherman.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF FISHERIES

Unknown.

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