

PROPOSAL 154 – 5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. Link management actions in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon fisheries to salmon abundance in adjacent Bristol Bay Area districts, as follows:

5 AAC 09.369 is amended to read:

(a)The purpose of this management plan is to provide guidelines to the department for the management of salmon stocks in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Management Area.

Realizing data on some of the river systems are limited the manager shall use all available data to correct his catch per unit effort numbers to reflect actual catch of the targeted river system. Up to and including smaller sub districts around the targeted river mouths or lagoons in order to trigger a management action in the district.

If past studies have shown that 40% or more of the catch is of non-targeted stocks then the area shall be co-managed by managers of the areas that have 15% or more of their fish in the catch. Or if past studies of catch in that area have shown the potential harvest of a particular river to be more that 30% of the low end escapement goal of a non-targeted river the area shall be co-managed.

The starting % shall be initiated from the WASSIP study. As more data is collected and as longer timeline and better picture of the long-term catch patterns in an area are achieved the management will adjust accordingly.

(Both managers must agree on openings if the managers cannot agree the commissioner shall make the final decision after reviewing the potential damage to each system.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The North Peninsula Management plan needs to work in partnership with management plans in areas where there is cross harvesting of resources. There are portions of the North Pacific Management Plan that appear to be in conflict with itself. It appears the managers are directed to make management decisions to which they have insufficient data to determine, thus this could lead to overharvest of the targeted river.

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