

PROPOSAL 193 – 5 AAC 09.301. Seaward boundary of districts. Change the Southwestern and Unimak District seaward boundary, as follows:

5 AAC 09.301 is amended to read:

5 AAC 09.301. Seaward boundary of districts. For the purpose of managing the historical salmon net fishery in the vicinity of False Pass and Unimak Bight, the outer boundary of the Southwestern and Unimak Districts is a line drawn along 54° 22.5'N. lat. from 163° 01.2'W. long. near the western end of Sanak Island to 164° 27.1' W. long., south of Cape Lutke on Unimak Island [THREE MILES SEAWARD FROM A LINE COMMENCING AT 54° 26.70' N. LAT., 162° 53.00' W. LONG.] The seaward boundary of all other districts is a line three miles seaward of the baseline, as described in 5 AAC 39.975(13).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 2012 amendment to the Federal Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) redefined the plan's boundaries to exclude from its West Area three historical net fisheries managed by the State of Alaska, including the Alaska Peninsula fishery (50 C.F.R. 679.2, Definition of Salmon Management Area, Subsection (2)(iii)). The current seaward boundary of the state's Southwestern and Unimak Districts does not match up with the shoreward boundary of the federal FMP, leaving a gap of unregulated waters between the state and federal management areas. The state boundary should be revised so it is coterminous with the federal line, to avoid confusion and potential enforcement problems from having two different management boundaries.

PROPOSED BY: Concerned Area M Fishermen

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