

PROPOSAL 25 – 5 AAC 06.100. Description of area. Expand district boundary lines, as follows:

I propose that when area managers recognize the need and opportunity to create a more valuable and orderly fishery, they have a set of additional boundary lines to utilize at their discretion. I envision these new lines to be in addition to the existing north/south lines primarily on the east side districts.

The offshore distance of the new sets of corners would remain relatively the same as the existing corner of each specific district. The subsequent lines perpendicular to the shore would have tentatively three optional distances further up or down the shoreline at potentially 3 mile intervals. The obvious candidates for these shoreward line extension options would be the Naknek Johnston hill line, North and South Egegik lines, and the North Ugashik line.

These new set of lines could be managed per EO.

Details and GPS coordinates to be determined.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The issue that I am addressing is the inherent degradation of salmon quality, and the disorderly line fisheries created through the application of compacted terminus fisheries. The ADF&G does not have adequate flexibility in designating district specific openings in order to maximize the value of the fishery and conduct orderly fisheries once harvestable numbers are recognized. With the genetic study results of WASSIP, we know the relatively marginal interception rates of adjacent river systems and we can now better manage for optimum escapement goals, quality, and a much more orderly fishery. The current situations of concentrated combat line fishing are unnecessarily producing poor quality salmon, decreasing ex-vessel and tax values, gear damage, and injuries.

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