

PROPOSAL 75 – 5 AAC 06.350. Closed waters. Reduce the amount of time that certain waters in the Togiak District are closed to commercial fishing for salmon with a drift gillnet, as follows:

5 AAC 06.350. Closed Waters is amended to read:

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(e)(3) from June 1 through **July 11** [JULY 15], those waters of the Togiak District inside a line from 59° 03.19' N lat., 160° 20.18' W. long. to 59° 01.76' N. lat., 160° 28.17' W. long. are closed to commercial fishing for salmon with a drift gillnet.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The closed water section in the regulation was proposed by the community of Togiak in hopes of developing a Chinook management plan and to protect the Chinook salmon stock in Togiak. The problem is the unreasonable restriction of shallower calmer waters during the peak sockeye salmon fishing for a small amount of Chinook migrating through.

PROPOSED BY: Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-C15-055)

PROPOSAL 76 – 5 AAC 06.200. Fishing districts and sections. Change the current description of the Osviak Section in the Togiak District by correcting a GPS coordinate in the description, as follows:

5 AAC 06.200(e)(3) is amended to read:

(e) Togiak District:

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(3) Osviak Section: waters within a line between Estus Point at **58° 46.86' N. lat., 161° 10.98' W. long.** [58° 46.85' N. LAT., 161° 10.98' W. LONG.] and Asigyupak Spit at 58° 41.00' N. lat., 161° 18.20' W. long.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the northeast coordinate defining the Osviak Section so that it is identical to the southwest coordinate of the adjacent Matogak Section. The department believes these two adjacent section-defining coordinates were intended to be identical and this will change them to be identical, reducing ambiguity in the regulations.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-020)

PROPOSAL 77 – 5 AAC 06.369. Togiak District Salmon Management Plan. Change the Togiak District Salmon Management Plan to reflect recent department escapement goal changes, and remove coho and king salmon goals, as follows:

5 AAC 06.369(b) is amended to read:

(b) The department shall manage the commercial fishery in the Togiak River Section of the Togiak District for a **sustainable escapement goal range of 120,000 – 270,000** [BIOLOGICAL ESCAPEMENT GOAL OF 150,000] sockeye salmon past the counting tower at Togiak Lake [AND BIOLOGICAL ESCAPEMENT GOALS OF 50,000 COHO SALMON, AND 10,000 KING SALMON IN THE TOGIK RIVER].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the Togiak District salmon management plan to reflect the sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal established by the department and remove coho and king salmon escapement goals from regulation to reflect recent department escapement goal review changes. These changes will reflect the current escapement management directives the department follows, removing any confusion and clarifying the regulations.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-010)
