

Submitted by Board Member Jensen, prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Gameⁱ.

February 26, 2023

Substitute language for proposal 136.

Explanation:

- 1) For purse seine gear only, establishes a 76-hour closure between the first and second fishing periods in June, reduces duration of the first fishing period in June from 88 hours to 68 hours, and duration of the second fishing period in June from 88 hours to 66 hours. The third and fourth fishing periods in June will be 88 hours in duration.
- 2) Fishing periods and closures for set and drift gillnet gear are unchanged from the current management plan.
- 3) Chum salmon harvest triggers are established for purse seine gear in June. Harvest from purse seine, set gillnet, and drift gillnet gear accrues against the triggers.
- 4) Closes Sanak Island Section of the South Unimak District, during June for all gear types.

5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan is amended to read:

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(2) for seine and DRIFT GILLNET] gear,

[(A)] beginning June 10, **the first** commercial fishing period[S] will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run **68** [88] hours, **closing at 2:00 a.m.** [UNTIL 10:00 P.M. THREE DAYS LATER]; **the second** commercial fishing **period** will **begin 76 hours later at 6:00 a.m. and close after 66 hours at 11:59 p.m.; the third commercial fishing period will begin 32 hours later at 8:00 a.m. and close after 88 hours at 11:59 p.m.; the final commercial fishing period in June will begin 32 hours later at 8:00 a.m. and close after 88 hours at 11:59 p.m.;** THEN CLOSE FOR 32 HOURS AND REOPEN AT 6:00 A.M. TWO DAYS LATER;

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FINAL COMMERCIAL FISHING PERIOD WILL END AT 10:00 P.M. ON JUNE 28]

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(h) If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 300,000 fish by June 18, based on fish ticket information, the commissioner shall reduce commercial fishing time in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands by 44 hours during each of the remaining fishing periods in June for purse seine gear.

If chum salmon harvest equals or exceeds 450,000 fish by June 23, based on fish ticket information, the commissioner shall close the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June commercial salmon fishery for the remainder of June for purse seine gear.

5 AAC 09.330. Gear

(c) In the Unimak District, salmon may be taken with drift gillnets, set gillnets, purse seines, and hand purse seines, **except the Sanak Island Section of the Unimak District will remain closed to commercial salmon fishing for all gear types from June 1 through June 30.** Salmon may be taken by gillnet gear during periods when the seine fishery is closed by emergency order due to the presence of immature salmon.

ⁱ Preparation of draft substitute language at the request of a Board member does not imply ADF&G support. The Department will state its position on the language during deliberation.

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June All Gear Types Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	Proposed fishing times in RC 1xx for seine gear (42 hr reduction from 352 to 310 hrs)					
	Set and drift gillnet gear fishing periods					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6 a.m.	Open 64 hours (Set Gillnet Gear Only)		10 p.m.	6 a.m.	Open 68 hours
					6 a.m.	Open 88 hours
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	2 a.m.		76 hr closure		6 a.m.	Open 66 hours
				6 a.m.	Open 88 hours	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
32 hr closure 300,000 chum trigger evaluation point	8 a.m.	Open 88 hours			11:59 p.m.	32 hr closure
	6 a.m.	Open 88 hours			10 p.m.	450,000 chum trigger evaluation point
26	27	28	29	30		
Open 88 hours						
Open 88 hours						