

RC 71

Amendment language on Prop 229  
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**PROPOSAL 229 - 5 AAC 29.114. District 12 and District 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fisheries Management Plan.** Allow commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in an area between North Chatham Strait and Homeshore, as follows:

Draw a line from the Western boundary line of the northern Chatham Strait area starting at: 58° 10.00' N. Lat, 135° 2.35' W. Long, to a point at 58° 10.00' N. Lat, 135° 6.24' W. Long, to a point on the Eastern boundary of the Homeshore area at 58° 11.59' N. Lat, 135° 9.19' W. Long.

**AMENDED LANGUAGE:** The Point Couverden Fishery Area consists of those waters enclosed by a line from 58° 11.63' N. lat., 135° 09.60' W. long., to 58° 09.58' N. lat., 135° 9.60' W. long., to 58° 07.78' N. lat., 135° 00.78' W. long., to 58° 10.00' N. lat., 135° 02.35' W. long., to 58° 10.00' N. lat., 135° 06.24' W. long., to 58° 11.63' N. lat., 135° 09.60' W. long.

~~Fishing would be permitted in this area when the northern Chatham and the Homeshore areas are open.~~

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Allow trollers participating in the chum fishery in the northern Chatham Straits enhanced chum area to troll between that area and the Homeshore area.

Currently trollers wishing to move between one area and another must pull their gear or troll miles to the south into the Point Sophia area. Most troll vessels are slow displacement hulls and cannot move faster than seven knots at slack tide with their gear up. Being able to troll between the two areas makes more sense. The area involved is relatively small and is a natural corridor between the two areas. This proposal makes the northern Chatham chum area more accessible and practical for trollers.

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