

RC 123

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Comment on Proposal 60

Subject: Graveyard Creek Special Harvest Area Management Plan

According to 5AAC 39.290, fresh water streams are closed to commercial fishing and the Department can place closed marker signs to aid fishermen in recognizing closed waters which are the streamward side of such tidal creeks as Graveyard Creek. Historical non-compliance with these regulations, or shore fisheries leases issued should not serve as a precedent to allow future exception to these regulations.

Furthermore, the mouth of Graveyard Creek has historically been a safe anchorage for dozens of skiffs, and the fishing mentioned in this proposal has always, and continues to cause, great contention between folks who would like to park their skiffs there and people who would like to fish there. In 2015 troopers were called by the author of this proposal claiming that other fishermen were parking on his leased site, when in fact, the author was operating fishing gear far above the site lease and encroaching in the historical anchorage area.

I would appreciate it if this contentious issue could be resolved once and for all by enforcement so that all the fishermen in the area clearly understand where it is lawful to park skiffs, and where it is lawful to fish.

Thank you,  
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SHORE FISHERY DIAGRAM NO. 1756

