

PROPOSAL 107

5 AAC 27.185. Management plan for herring spawn on kelp in pounds fisheries in Sections 3-B, 12-A, and 13-C, and District 7.

Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B, as follows:

In the district 13A and 13B Sitka Sac Roe fishery, if there is a minimum of 1500 tons left unharvested, they could be allocated to the existing Northern Roe on Kelp Fishery. It would be a minimum of a 2 person per pound fishery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There is times when the Sitka Sac Roe fishery will leave thousands of tons unharvested because they are “garbage fish” i.e. too small. These could be used by the northern roe on kelp fishery. This fishery could only happen if 1500 tons minimum were left unharvested. This would be all the roe on kelp fishery needs. There would be no guarantee of a fishery, just a possible opportunity. Reasoning behind this number is there are 110 permit holders, 2 permit holders per pound, and each pound can hold 20 tons of herring which would be 1100 total tons of herring needed, but 1500 tons would be a safe amount to open a fishery.

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