

PROPOSAL 109

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.

Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery, as follows:

Stick to the Regulations in place. If the GHF does not permit a "regular" fishery, with 24/7 fishing hours from the time it opens and the normal allocated kelp blade numbers, then do not have a fishery at all.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to propose that there be no more than four Roe-On-Kelp permits in one pound structure to be a requirement, It could remain an option, but not a requirement, regardless of the GHF in order to have a fishery like there was in spring of 2017 in the Southern Southeast Alaska area. It is a logistical nightmare for the fisherman and law enforcement. We had too much time invested and could not fish. The fish went by the traditional pounding grounds at night or too deep of water and were uncatchable until they were 5 miles north west and spawning in an area where no pound structures were staged to properly execute a fishery. By the time there was enough spawn to lift the restrictions, it was all over. wasted money and resources.

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