

PROPOSAL 147

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging, as follows:

In Mist Cove, south of a line from ADF&G regulatory markers located at 56° 3 1.07' N. lat., 134° 40.20' W. long to 56° 31.07 N. lat 134° 40.12 W. long., to the barrier net., sport fishing for salmon is open to fly fishing only. Snagging of salmon is prohibited 300 yards north of a line from ADF&G regulatory markers located at 56° 3 1.07' N. lat., 134° 40.20' W. long to 56° 31.07 N. lat 134° 40.12 W. long.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I respectfully request The Board of Fisheries address this issue.

In Mist Cove, south of a line from ADF&G regulatory markers located at 56° 3 1.07' N. lat., 134° 40.20' W. long to 56° 31.07 N. lat 134° 40.12 W. long., sport fishing for salmon is closed;

On the last meeting the Board of Fisheries closed this area to prevent damage to net pens and provide safety for the crew working the site.

Our Family operates a small fishing lodge in Port Alexander and I have flown guests to Mist Cove for the last eighteen years. I primarily guided my clients for fly fishing in that closed area and have never damaged any net pens or endangered any crew.

Mist cove is very popular and more people are going there to fish. There are charter boats that go there to snag salmon with weighted treble hooks with up to four fishers on a boat. This practice is dangerous to the crew, other fishers and can damage the net pens.

I feel that the regulation needs to change to allow fly fishing only in the closed area and extend the line 300 yards eastward to close any guided snagging of salmon.

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