

PROPOSAL 150

5 AAC 40.042. Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Special Harvest Areas.

Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet, as follows:

(a) The following special harvest areas are established for the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association:

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[(10) Crawfish Inlet for Chinook and chum salmon the hatchery special harvest area (SHA) is designated as all waters within Crawfish Inlet east of 135°11.05' W. longitude for all gear as in (c)(10); troll only Crawfish SHA to include south of 56° 47.14' and east of a boundary defined by points: 56° 44.16 lat, 135° 15.80' long to 56° 43.30' lat, 135° 17.81' long, to 56° 41.93' lat, 135° 17.54' long, to 56° 47.14' lat, 135° 13.80' long Aspid Cape.]

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(c) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 33.330, legal gear for the hatchery permit holder in a special harvest area are as follows:

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[(10) Crawfish Inlet: purse seine, drift gillnet, hand purse seine, beach seine, dip net, and troll gear];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) initiated a chum and chinook salmon enhancement program at Crawfish Inlet in 2015 when the current Special Harvest Area east of 135°11.05' W. longitude was established. Chum salmon begin returning to Crawfish Inlet in 2017 and chinook in 2018; in order to provide additional benefit to the troll fleet, NSRAA in cooperation with ADF&G Troll Management would like to extend the SHA boundary for commercial troll fishing primarily during June and July for Chinook and late July to early September for chum salmon.

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