

PROPOSAL 176

5 AAC 21.310. Fishing Seasons.

Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 8, as follows:

5 AAC 21.310. (ii)

.....south of the Kenai River mouth at 60 degrees 30.49'N .lat; **this 600 ft fishery on 244-32 may open July 8, regardless if it is a regular scheduled period.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At the 2017 BOF, the BOF passed amended proposal 136. This proposal asked to may open North Kalifornsky Beach (NKB), which is statistical area 244-32, on July 8. This fishery could occur if the Kasilof section was fishing on or after the July 8 date. As the original proposer of 136, that was my intent.

The BOF passed amended 136, but there was no discussion, if 244-32 could open prior to a regular period, on or after July 8. Without clear direction from the BOF, ADF&G interpreted that this fishery could not start until the first regular scheduled period on or after July 8. In 2017, the first regular scheduled period was Monday July 9. The Kasilof section fished Sunday July 8. NKB was excluded from fishing on July 8, due to uncertainty of intent form the BOF.

This proposal is asking for the BOF to give ADF&G the authority to open 244-32 on or after July 8, if any portion of the Kasilof section is fishing, regardless if July 8 is a regular scheduled period.

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