

PROPOSAL 31

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon, as follows:

5 AAC 21.350 (d) (5) waters of Ursus Cove west of **153°46.35'W** [A LINE FROM 59° 32.43'N. LAT., 153°46.06"W TO 59° 31.20'N. LAT., 153°45.74"W]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The closed fishing area in regulation should be moved to allow commercial fishing on the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon. Seining along the bluffs is not possible due to reefs and rocks. This beach is a clean place to set a seine. Moving this line will allow fishing on the outside beach but not inside the lagoon. Historically there had been a regulatory marker on the spit near the entrance to the lagoon and fishing was allowed along the beach. Sometime in the 1990's the regulatory marker was moved to the bluff at the end of the beach and fishing along the beach was no longer allowed. Since this regulatory marker movement there has not been a significant harvest of chums from Ursus Cove Subdistrict.

Allowing fishing along this beach could increase the harvest potential for this system and help prevent over escapement. This will allow an easier and safer place to fish in Ursus Cove subdistrict.

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