

PROPOSAL 32

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay, as follows:

5 AAC 21.350(d)(2) [REPEALED]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The existing China Poot closure provides protection for a small run of pink salmon destined for China Poot Creek which is a pink salmon index stream. CIAA stocks sockeye fry in Leisure Lake which generates a sport, personal use and commercial fishery during the month of July in China Poot Lagoon and stream. The closure area effectively eliminates the best area for CIAA cost recovery and commercial harvesting. The current closure forces the commercial fleet and cost recovery boats to operate in conflict with sport snaggers and dipnetters near the creek mouth. As a result, CIAA has failed year after year to achieve the cost recovery goal to support this program. ADFG should manage the area by emergency order to minimize conflicts yet still allow CIAA to achieve its cost recovery goal. The elimination of this closure will make this possible.

PROPOSED BY: Cook Inlet Seiners Association

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