

PROPOSAL 62

5 AAC 18.355. Reporting Requirements; and 5 AAC 18.360. Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan.

Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section, as follows:

5 AAC 18.355. Reporting Requirements.

(c) Prior to July 9, the owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel operating seine gear in the Kodiak Area shall report by telephone, radio, or in person to a local representative of the department prior to fishing in the Cape Igvak Section. Said owner or operator will also report by telephone, radio, or in person to a local representative of the department prior to departing the Cape Igvak Section.

5 AAC 18.360. Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan.

(h) In order to ensure accurate reporting of sockeye harvested in the Cape Igvak Section, at any time prior to July 9, the owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel operating seine gear in the Kodiak Area shall report by telephone, radio, or in person to a local representative of the department prior to fishing in the Cape Igvak Section. Said owner or operator will also report by telephone, radio, or in person to a local representative of the department prior to departing the Cape Igvak Section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? A strong incentive to underreport sockeye salmon harvested in the Cape Igvak Section exists. The Cape Igvak fishery is regulated based on the percentage of Chignik bound sockeye harvested, and with concurrent fisheries taking place not limited by an allocation, there is ample opportunity and a strong economic enticement to misreport.

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