

PROPOSAL 282:

5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 09.366. Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula.

Modify South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fishery, as follows:

(d) In the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands fisheries, the commissioner may establish, by emergency order, commercial fishing periods as follows:

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(3) notwithstanding (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)(A) of this section, durations of commercial salmon fishing periods for all gear types authorized under (d) of this section, in the waters defined in (f) of this section will be as follows until the department expects the mid-point of the Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal range to be met, or Chignik Management Area has its first commercial salmon fishing period for all gear types:

(A) beginning June 15, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 40 hours until 10 p.m on June 16;

(B) beginning June 20, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 40 hours until 10 p. m. on June 21;

(C) beginning June 25, commercial fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m. and run 40 hours until 10:00 p.m. on June 26;

Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula, as follows:

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 09.366(d), July 6 through July 31 commercial salmon fishing periods in the Shumagin Islands Section and the Dolgoi Islands Area (defined in (j) of 5 AAC 09.366) will be as follows until the department expects the mid-point of the Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal range to be met or Chignik Management Area has its first commercial salmon fishing period:

All Gear Types:

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| July 6, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 10, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 14, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 18, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 22, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 26, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours |
| July 30, 6:00 a.m. until midnight (2400 hrs) | Duration: 18 hours. |

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In each of the last four years (2018-2021) the Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal range has not been met (Table 1).

Based on Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program data, sockeye salmon bound for the Chignik River are harvested in the Shumagin Islands Section and Dolgoi Islands Area (identified in 5 AAC 09.365(f) from mid-June through late July.

Under current regulations fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section and Dolgoi Islands Area is not based on sockeye salmon escapement to the Chignik River. This proposal links fishing time in the Shumagin Islands and Dolgoi Islands Area to sockeye salmon escapement to the Chignik River

Table 1. Chignik sockeye salmon early-run escapement and goals, 2018-2021.

| YEAR | ESCAPEMENT | GOAL (BEG) | TARGETED GOAL |
|------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2018 | 263,979 | 350,000 – 450,000 | 400,000 |
| 2019 | 345,918 | 350,000 – 450,000 | 400,000 |
| 2020 | 137,213 | 350,000 – 450,000 | 400,000 |
| 2021 | 264,615 | 350,000 – 450,000 | 400,000 |

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