

## 1979 CAPE IGVAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

See also  
#80-62-FB, #78-38-FB

On years when the harvestable surplus for both runs of Chignik sockeye salmon is expected to be less than 600,000 fish there will be no fishery allowed at Cape Igvak until such a time when a harvest of this magnitude at Chignik can reasonably be assured. The 1979 forecast is for a harvestable surplus of approximately 500,000 early run and 950,000 late run fish and a fishery at Cape Igvak is therefore expected in 1979. However, should the actual runs fail to develop as predicted the Cape Igvak fishery will be curtailed in order to allow the minimum catch of 600,000 sockeye within the Chignik area if there are that many fish available surplus to the escapement.

In view of the large forecast for 1979 the Department of Fish and Game will manage the fishery in such a manner whereby the number of sockeye salmon taken in the Cape Igvak fishery will approach as near as possible 15 percent of the total Chignik sockeye catch. The total Chignik sockeye catch is considered to be those sockeye salmon caught within the Chignik Management Area plus 80 percent of the sockeye salmon caught in the South Peninsula area between McGinty Point and Kupreanof Point plus 80 percent of the sockeye salmon caught in the Cape Igvak section of the Kodiak area. This allocation method will be in effect through July 25. The percentage at any time prior to July 25 may fluctuate above and below this figure. The first fishing period of the season at Cape Igvak will not occur prior to the first fishing period at Chignik. After July 25 fishing in the Cape Igvak section may be allowed on the basis of local stocks or specifically for sockeye salmon if the late run sockeye escapement has reached 200,000.

During the period of approximately June 26 to July 9 when the strength of the late sockeye run is not yet known, and when the percentage of Black Lake and Chignik Lake fish traveling through the Cape Igvak fishery is not known, very little fishing time, if any, will be allowed at Cape Igvak.

Fishing hours will be as announced by emergency order. At least one day notice will be given prior to an opening unless it is an extension of a fishery in progress.

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VOTE: 7/0



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