

## Industry Consensus 12/8/11

The troll fleet continues to be below its target range; the seine fleet is below its target range; the gillnet fleet above its target range, based on the five year rolling averages calculated and finalized by ADF&G for the seasons up to and including 2009. Although the numbers for 2010 are preliminary and for 2011 very preliminary, it appears there has been movement in the right direction for the troll fleet, probably caused by their additional chum harvests outside of Neets Bay and at Homeshore; and for the seine fleet the movement has been in the wrong direction, probably largely explained by poor survivals at Hidden Falls and Deep Inlet and good survivals at DIPAC facilities.

In recognition of the imbalance and the long-term trends in the distribution of enhanced fish the JRPT recommends to the Board of Fisheries and to the commissioner:

Supporting the USAG and SEAS agreement (signed copy attached) regarding the following board of Fish proposals related to enhanced salmon allocation plan as follows:

- Proposal #295 (modify gillnet fishing in Zimovia Strait) JRPT recommends no action as proposal is being withdrawn.
- Proposal #323 (remove PNP's production from allocation plan) JRPT recommends no action as proposal is being withdrawn.
- Proposal #324 (create separate allocation plans for southern and northern southeast Alaska) JRPT recommends no action as the proposal is being withdrawn.
- Proposal #331. The JRPT is not in unanimous support of the proposal as written. But, the JRPT unanimously supports modification of Neets Bay SHA management as follows: If #331 is not adopted the associations (SEAS & USAG) will jointly request a modification to the current Neets Bay regulation 5AAC 33.370(b) 2 (A) which would delete [THE FIRST OPENING MUST BE FOR GILLNETS]; and ask the JRPT to support this modification, and, if this proposed modification is adopted, recommending to SSRAA that during any late summer or fall net rotation the net fleet below its range would have first start. If #331 is adopted SEAS and USAG will recommend to the SSRAA board continuing the current opening time ratios and rotations in the chinook and early summer chum portions of Neets Bay management and adding at least one more rotation; and continuing the 1-to-1 ratio in any late summer and fall net rotations with the net fleet below its range having first start.
- Proposal #332 (ties Neets Bay opportunities to status of allocation plan) JRPT recommends no action as proposal is being withdrawn.
- Proposal #334 (continue 1-to 1-ratios at Anita Bay) The JRPT recommends support of their proposal with changing the sunset date to 2014 instead of 2017.

- Proposal #335 (continue 1-to 1-ratios at Deep Inlet) The JRPT recommends support of their proposal with changing the sunset date to 2014 instead of 2017.
- Proposal #336 (reestablish rotational fisheries at Nakat) The JRPT recommends no action as proposal is being withdrawn.

In addition the JRPT recommends to the Commissioner:

- Supporting SSRAA's efforts to increase commercial fishing opportunities on salmon released at Neets Bay.

In addition the JRPT makes recommendations on the following Board of Fisheries proposals that affect the Southeast Enhanced Salmon Allocation Plan:

- Proposal #315 (extend coho season to 9/30 in Behm Canal) The JRPT supports extending the coho season to Sept 30<sup>th</sup> in a portion of Behm Canal to allow additional opportunity on returning enhanced coho to SSRAA.
- Proposal #344 (changing lines at Deep Inlet in May and June). The JRPT recommends support as it would increase troll opportunities on Chinook.
- Proposal #340 (changing lines at Anita Bay) JRPT recommends support of this proposal. This should improve the quality of enhanced salmon harvested at Anita Bay with minimal impact on salmon enhanced allocation plan.
- Proposal #308 (allow six trolling line in inside waters) Consensus that no action should be taken on this proposal for six troll lines as the proposer is withdrawing the proposal.
- Proposal #311 (troll coho retention to June 1 from June 15) JRPT recommends support of coho retention by the troll fleet starting June 1.
- Proposal #325 (chum hatchery access to trolling in June in sub-districts of districts 9, 12, and 14) The JRPT conditionally supports the proposal with the following recommendations: that section (iii) District 9 and sub-district 114-50 is withdrawn from the proposal, and that the proposal sunsets in 3 years; and that a chum salmon management plan is developed in that three year period. It is expected that the proposed management plan is brought back to the JRPT for review and possible submittal as a BOF proposal for the next cycle. This proposal could help the troll fleet who is below their allocated range of enhanced stocks. Since this fishery would be expanding into new areas and amount of effort there are concerns about the composition of stocks that will be harvested and effects on other fisheries.
- Proposal #338 (SSRAA proposal for Kendrick Bay THA) The JRPT has consensus to support this proposal. This proposal adjusts the THA to reflect planned releases in McLean Arm.

- Proposal #343 (ADFG housekeeping proposal so that EO doesn't have to be issued every year for the coho fishery in the THA during the general season coho closure) The JRPT recommends modifications to this ADFG proposal that allows coho retention from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The August 1<sup>st</sup> date would prevent harvest of coho in a THA that releases coho when trollers can keep coho during the general opening of the summer season. Coho have historically been able to be kept during June 15<sup>th</sup> to Aug 1<sup>st</sup> so no wild stock concerns exist.

The JRPT recognizes that it is necessary to tread carefully in making adjustments to production or to SHA management. Fisheries and community activities develop around hatchery opportunities, and future survivals and market condition are difficult to predict. At the same time, the system needs to respond to the guidelines of the allocation plan by working towards providing fair opportunities for the fleets.

The following Associations and individuals were present in the room and did not object to the following industry consensus points in this document that the RPT voted on:

Alaska Trollers Association  
Chum Trollers Association  
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association  
Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance  
United Southeast Gillnetters Association

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