

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND ALASKA BOARD OF GAME  
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM P.O.BOX 25526, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802-5526**

**BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

- Fishing Area Southeast Alaska
- Subsistence                       Personal Use
- Sport                                       Commercial

**JOINT BOARD REGULATIONS**

- Advisory Committee    Regional Council    Rural

**BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS**

**Game Management Unit (GMU)** \_\_\_\_\_

- Hunting                                       Trapping
- Subsistence                               Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Resident
- Nonresident

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal packets along with the proposer's name (address and phone nos. will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal.

**1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC** 33.376      **Regulation Book Page No.** 130

**2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?**

Early season management of Deep Inlet THA for chinook salmon harvest to provide greater access to hatchery chinook.

**3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?**

Fewer chinook will be harvested by the commercial fleet and more will be harvested by hatchery cost recovery.

**4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?**

Early season chinook salmon fishing in the Deep Inlet THA will be managed separately from the existing Deep Inlet THA management plan, which was developed to access hatchery chum salmon. The early management for chinook would not require a 2:1 ratio for gillnet: seine fishing. Boundary modifications may be made to protect traditional troll drags in the outer area of the THA. A provision may be made to allow trollers into the area on gillnet fishing days if gillnet participation falls below a threshold level.

Fishing schedules would be set by the NSRAA Board of Directors.

Early season fishing management would be in effect from May 1 until mid- to late June when the chum salmon begin returning in large numbers.

**5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?** There may be some increase in quality, as the fish will be harvested sooner than would be the case if they escaped the fishery and were harvested for cost recovery. The main benefit would be allowing a greater percentage of fish to go to the common property harvest.

**6. Solutions to difficult problems benefit some people and hurt others:**

**A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?**

Primarily the gillnet fleet and to a smaller extent the seine fleet.

**B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?**

There could be a slight reduction in troll harvest in this area, but this is addressed to some extent by a THA boundary modification.

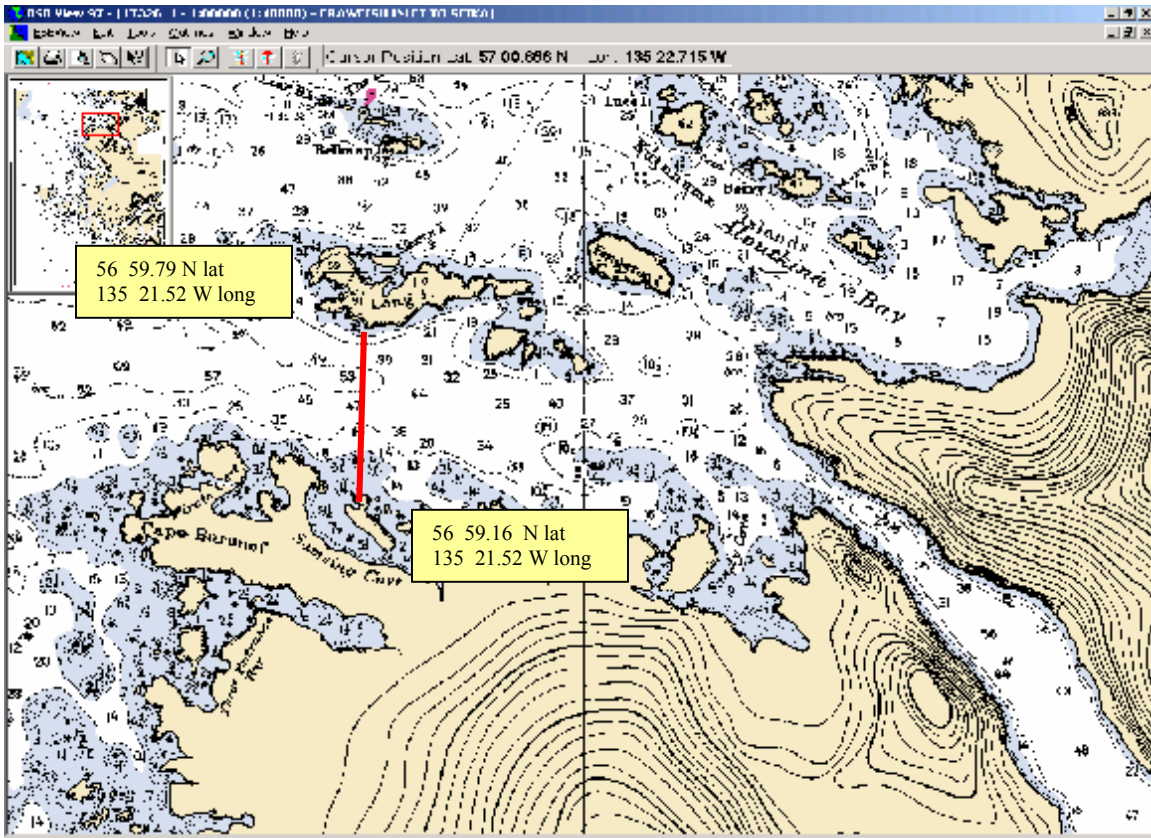
<p><b>7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them</b>  Management under the same regulations as the existing Deep Inlet THA plan with 2 seine, 4 gillnet, 1 troll days per week.</p> <p>This would regulate two seine days per week when in fact there is little interest for seine participation in the early fishery. Seine effort would probably be non-existent until mid-June. A separate and more flexible management plan for early season fishing would allow gillnet (and some seine) access with less impact on the troll fishery which has traditionally used the area.</p>	<p><b>DO NOT WRITE HERE</b></p>

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Modified western line of Deep Inlet THA - In effect from May 1- May 21, 2005.  
All other boundaries remain unchanged.