

# Changes By ABFG to Affect Bristol Bay

Significant changes adopted by the Alaska Board of Fish and Game which affect the Bristol Bay commercial fishery for 1968 include a regulation limiting the total permissible amount of gear licenses through the establishment of a point credit rating system and a regulation establishing a sliding gear scale which provides for shorter net lengths as the number of registered units of gear increases.

Other regulation changes include a closure of the Kvichak section of the Naknek-Kvichak district to afford maximum protection for the low run expected to the Kvichak River in 1968.

The Igushik section of the Nushagak district, closed by regulation 1967, has been re-opened for 1968 with a run expected to exceed escapement requirements.

Two small sections of the Togiak district—Ungalikthuk and Nunavarchak—have been eliminated as fishing areas.

The outer boundary of another Togiak district section—the Kulukak—was moved in about seven miles at its western terminus to prevent catching salmon bound for the Togiak River system.

The emergency order period in 1968 will commence on June 17 and end on July 13.

A minimum mesh size of seven inches prior to June 21 was adopted for the Nushagak district.

Another change allows the actual position of buoys marking the outer Egegik district to be the legal boundary, rather than having specific points defining their location.

Some minor wording changes to clarify intent were also adopted.