

Entry Commission Ups Permits

The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission has raised the maximum number of entry permits to be issued for the salmon power troll fishery to 895 from 800.

It has also made changes in the areas where certain permits can be used and has redescribed three administrative areas.

Commission Chairman Roy A. Rickey said that in comparing 1974 power troll fishery information with previous years "the Commission identified a data handling defect and undertook the research to remedy it."

He explained that "the way the incidental halibut landings were handled by the computer, using halibut information for the two years the State put it on tape,

resulted in undercounting the units of gear that fished."

The chairman noted that the cause for the maximum number change is "unique to the power troll fishery, and the maximum number for each of the other 18 salmon fisheries under limited entry will not change because of it."

The Commission has also allowed certain interim-use permits or entry permits to be used in "overlap" areas where State Board of Fish and Game regulations have permitted fishing in areas adjacent to Prince William Sound and Bristol Bay since the early 1960's

In addition, it has made the descriptions of its administrative

areas conform with new ones for areas U, W, and Y recently adopted by the board.

All changes were made in emergency regulations adopted by the Commission Monday, May 12, 1975.