

The Chignik AC submitted a proposal to drastically reduce fishing time in a portion of the Mitrofanina Island Section in July as part of a comprehensive plan to reduce King Salmon harvest in the CMA, but the Board chose to completely close this area instead.

Estimated Impact of the Board's Action to close a portion of the Mitrofanina Island Section of the CMA from July 1 - July 31 to protect an average Harvest of 2,240 King Salmon in that spot over the past 20 years:

- 1) Loss of access to an area that provided over 30% of the *total* CMA chum harvest and roughly 20% of the *total* CMA pink harvest for the entire 2025 season in July alone.
- 2) Loss of access to an area that provided over 40% of the *total* CMA chum harvest and over 25% of the *total* CMA pink harvest for the entire 2024 season in July alone.
- 3) Loss of access to an area that provided over 20% of the *total* CMA chum harvest and over 15% of the *total* CMA pink harvest for the entire 2023 season in July alone.

Further,

In 2025, this portion of the Mitrofanina Island Section accounted for over 65% of the chum harvest and over 75% of the pink harvest in the CMA in July.

In 2024, this portion of the Mitrofanina Island Section accounted for over 70% of the chum harvest and over 60% of the pink harvest in the CMA in July.

In 2023, this portion of the Mitrofanina Island Section accounted for over 60% of the chum harvest and over 65% of the pink harvest in the CMA in July.

Conclusion:

CMA Fishermen have lost access to a spot that provides an average of 30% of their entire chum harvest and 20% of their entire pink harvest to conserve an average of 2,240 kings (2006-2025 avg.) while experiencing failed sockeye runs in 6 of the last 8 years.

Source: ADF&G FMR Nos. 26-02, 25-38, 24-24

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