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## Fish News

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### **SEDM of Southeastern District Opens at Noon Saturday to Commercial Salmon Fishing**



The Southeastern District Mainland Section of the Southeastern District will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours from noon tomorrow (Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>) until noon Monday, June 18, 2012. Fishermen are reminded that only set gillnet gear may be used in the Southeastern District Mainland prior to July 11th.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

Statistical charts and harvest strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller Fish and Game offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

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## NPFMC Member Dave Benson Retires

Dave Benson of Kingston, Washington attended his last meeting with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council earlier this month in Kodiak.



Pictured here from left to right: Glenn Reed, AEB Natural Resources Director and A.P. Member Ernie Weiss, Heather McCarty, Shannon Atkinson, Dr. Jim Balsiger, Doug DeMaster. Ducking down in front is former NPFMC chair Stephanie Madsen.

The vice chairman is retiring after serving nine years on the Council.



Dave Benson

Other Council members and staff gave Benson a warm send-off during his retirement party, complete with music and song. A song was written by friends of Dave to the tune of Sloop John B, one of Dave's favorite to play. Words were passed out to the reception, and everyone sang along

with the band. The general reception was sponsored by the City and Borough of Kodiak and was held at the Kodiak Fisheries Science Center.

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