

**PROPOSAL 82**

**5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.**

Repeal portions of intent language from the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* and shorten plan duration as follows:

Delete 5 AAC 21.359 (b); (C)(1);(d)(2);(d)(3)

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- (a) The Purposes of this management plan are to ensure an adequate escapement of late-run king salmon into the Kenai River system and to provide management guidelines to the department. [THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE THE LATE-RUN KENAI RIVER KING SALON STOCKS PRIMARILY FOR SPORT USES TO PROVIDE THE SPORT AND GUIDED SPORT FISHERMENT WITH A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST THESE SALMON RESOURCES OVER THE ENTIRE RUN, AS MEASURED BY THE FREQUENCY OF INRIVER RESTRICTIONS.] The provisions of this management plan are in effect from June 20 through [AUGUST 15] **July 31**.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Delete 5 AAC 21.359 (b); (C)(1);(d)(2);(d)(3); (d)(1) parts of.

The counting of only big kings is not appropriate and the OEG is not appropriate. Other part of the State don't have these regulations. Kings are smaller and the big king are out of the gene pool. All kings should be counted toward escapement, as every other king fishery in the State. The escapement should be an SEG of 12,500 kings of all sizes on the low end. The OEG of 15,000 of only large kings is unattainable for condition today and was set to close the ESSN.

**PROPOSED BY:** Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F23-030)

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