

PROPOSAL 91

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

Amend criteria for commercial set gillnet fishing periods, in the Upper Subdistrict, after August 1 as follows:

(E) if restrictions for the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery are in effect on July 31, then, beginning August 1, Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishing periods are open for no more than 36 hours per week; if the Kenai River late-run king salmon sport fishery is not restricted under the provisions of this section, or, after August 1, if the Kenai River late-run king salmon OEG is **projected** [ACHIEVED] the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be managed under the provisions of 5 AAC 21.360, Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Restrictions placed on the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery for the conservation of the targeted stock, large late run Kenai River Kings, should not in turn have restrictions placed on the set gillnet fishery, that is a sockeye targeted fishery, if the department of fish and game is projecting to achieve the management objective for Kenai River Late run kings. The regulation of having to achieve the OEG instead of projecting the OEG is purely punitive to unnecessarily restrict the ESSN from the fishery.

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