

Mission statement for Board of Fisheries committee on Bristol Bay OEGs

Purpose: ADF&G has agreed to suspend the adoption of various recommended sockeye salmon escapement goals for two years, meaning that the goal will go into effect for the 2015 salmon season. The recommended escapement goals being deferred are Ugashik, Egegik, Naknek, Wood, Igushik, and Nushagak river sockeye salmon. The Nushagak River SEG and OEG will change in 2013, but only to account for the sonar conversion from Bendix to DIDSON. This delay in implementation is intended to give the industry time to meet, discuss, and analyze economic information that would assist the Board in developing OEGs.

It is the intention of the Board that a committee be formed with Board member Webster, an ADF&G designee, and a representative of BBSRI (Michael Link). The commercial fishing industry has pledged a commitment to integrate a professional scientist and an economist in the discussion.

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