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Mission and Organization Statement UCI – Task Force

The Mission of this Task Force is to identify a set of recommended adjustments to the Kenai Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (5AAC 21.359) that would result in the best mix of in-river (sport, guided sport, personal use) and Upper Subdistrict set gill net fishing opportunity while providing the best means of attaining the escapement goal for Kenai River late-run Chinook Salmon during times of low King Salmon abundance as experienced in the 2012 season.

The primary goal of the Task Force is to reach agreement on a set of provisions to be brought before the Board of Fisheries during the 2012/2013 Board Cycle (during the Statewide Finfish meeting in March, 2013) that, if adopted by the Board, would modify 5AAC 21.359 Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan for the purposes of meeting the above-stated mission.

Since the Kenai Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan has linkages between restrictions on in-river fishers and set gillnet fishers it is anticipated that the Task Force's work product will be moved forward as a Board-Generated Proposal replacing ACRs 4 & 17.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Members Webster & Kluberton and consist of another eight members as selected by the co-chairs. Three members will be Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet fishers; one Drift gillnet fisher; two sports fishers; one a sports guide; and, one a personal use (dip net) fisher.

ADF&G staff will participate as appropriate.

The chairs will solicit interest from the public upon creation of the Task Force by the Board of Fisheries and selection of members will be finalized by November 1st.

The first meeting will occur on or, about November 15th. During the first meeting a tentative schedule for the meetings of the Task Force will be developed with the intent of finalizing its work in time for submission as a public comment for the 2013 Statewide Finfish meeting (March 5, 2013).

It is anticipated all meetings will be held in Kenai.