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Nushagak King Salmon Committee  
RE: NEW PLAN 5 AAC 06.### (likely 391). Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of  
Concern Management Plan  
BOF Meeting March 10th-13th, 2023

Dear Nushagak King Salmon Committee:

In the event that a Nushagak trigger is adopted to allow for increased Chinook salmon escapement up the Nushagak River, I propose that the WRHA is utilized to harvest Wood River sockeye salmon while the District awaits the Nushagak trigger for its initial opening. I believe this plan would protect the chinook salmon while effectively managing the use of surplus Wood River sockeye resource in line with the mission of fisheries management: "To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their use and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle."

Thank you for your consideration,



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