

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey.

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Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 120

5 AAC 04.395. Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District and Unalakleet River King Salmon Management Plan.

5 AAC 04.395(c) is amended to read:

(c) If the projected **king salmon** escapement is below the lower end of the escapement goal range, all fishing **for king salmon** will be closed.

5 AAC 04.395(h) is amended to read:

(h) In Subdistricts 5 and 6, the commercial pink or chum fisheries may occur only if the department determines there is a harvestable surplus of pink or chum salmon and that a directed pink or chum salmon commercial fishery will not have a significant impact on escapement goals or subsistence uses of king salmon, **and only under the following conditions:** [A COMMERCIAL PINK OR CHUM SALMON FISHERY MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE JULY 1 IF EITHER THE GILLNET MESH SIZE OR SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERIODS ARE RESTRICTED IN THE KING SALMON SUBSISTENCE FISHERY.]

(1) before July 1, a commercial pink or chum salmon fishery may not occur if, in subsistence fishery in the marine waters,

(A) the gillnet mesh size is restricted to six inches or less; or

(B) subsistence fishing time is reduced; or

(2) a commercial pink or chum salmon fishery may not occur before July 1 if the king salmon subsistence fishery is closed before July 1.

5 AAC 04.395 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) If subsistence fishing for king salmon is restricted, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial salmon fishery and immediately reopen the commercial fishery during which king salmon may be retained, but not sold.