

Amended language for Proposal 83
Submitted by the Nushagak Advisory Committee

5AAC06.358 WOOD RIVER SOCKEYE SALMON SPECIAL HARVEST AREA
MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(c) (1) (A) if the preseason forecast for the Nushagak River sockeye salmon run is at least 1,000,000 fish, the department shall manage the Nushagak District to exceed a minimum escapement goal of 340,000 sockeye salmon to the Nushagak River, and the commissioner [*may by emergency order, restrict mesh size in the Nushagak district to 4-3/4 mesh; and/or the*] may open the Wood River Special Harvest Area only when the department projections indicate the Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement will not exceed 340,000 fish;

(The intent is to provide a tool for the department's early-season use to protect Nushagak sockeye while allowing for fair and equitable harvests of smaller Wood Rivr fish in the main district and reduce the chance that the fleet will have to go into the Wood River)

(It is our intent that the department will be able to use this tool while they are managing for the Nushagak 235,000 OEG as well)