

Board of fisheries members,

My concerns over the proposed Nushagak management plan PC 356 are as follows:

- 1) The increased competition for resources from the increased sockeye escapement might be detrimental to king salmon survival.
- 2) The commercial king harvest in the Nushagak in 2022 was only 11% of the total king run. I personally fished in the Nushagak for many seasons and I caught less than a dozen kings in 2022, most of which were less than 10 pounds and likely would not have registered as kings had they escaped up river. It should also be noted that commercial drift sockeye gear is ineffective at catching large king salmon.
- 3) The Nushagak is one of the earlier peaking districts in Bristol Bay and a significant portion of the sockeye in the district is harvested before July. Preventing the district from opening until June 28th would very bad economically for vessels that primarily fish the Nushagak district.

This proposal fails to address the obvious issue which is that the king salmon are not surviving to return to Bristol Bay. This effort to raise the king salmon escapement by a single digit percentage carries with it a possibility of further damaging the king salmon run and a certainty of economic damage to fishermen who primarily fish the Nushagak.

Thank you.

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