

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
February 26, 2013

**Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Stock of Concern**

The department recommends establishing a stock of management concern for the following Area M salmon stock:

- Swanson Lagoon Sockeye Salmon

Escapement goals were not achieved from 2008 through 2012. Since 2007 escapements decreased to an average of 2,540 fish, which is below the current escapement goal of 6,000 to 16,000 sockeye salmon. The decline in escapement was not due to increased harvests (commercial and subsistence), which also declined from an average of 5,115 (1998–2007) to 368 (2008–2012). Management actions were taken in 2012 and included closing the area around Swanson Lagoon to commercial salmon fishing by emergency order. Despite this action, the escapement goal was not met in 2012. Given the continued inability to achieve the escapement goal, despite the use of specific management measures, Swanson Lagoon sockeye salmon meets the definition for a stock of management concern as defined in 5 AAC 39.222, *Policy for management of sustainable salmon fisheries*.