Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of board member Johnson.

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Board generated proposal on Bristol Bay sockeye salmon optimum escapement goals.

<u>PROPOSAL XXX</u> – 5 AAC 06.355 – 5 AAC 06.369. Bristol Bay sockeye salmon fisheries management and allocation plans. Board generated proposal to consider optimum escapement goals for Bristol Bay sockeye salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal would serve as a mechanism for the Alaska Board of Fisheries to establish optimum escapement goals for Bristol Bay sockeye salmon and describe the department's current escapement management practices in regulation. In 2012 the board agreed to consider optimum escapement goals for Bristol Bay sockeye salmon in 2015 after results of an industry led optimum escapement goal study become available. This study is expected to be available March 6, 2015.