

PROPOSAL 153 – 5 AAC 09.369. Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.
Include information on the abundance of non-local salmon stocks as a factor in managing Northern District commercial salmon fisheries, as follows:

5 AAC 09.369 is amended to:

(b) The department shall manage the Northern District salmon fisheries on the basis of salmon abundance as determined by escapement information and catch-per-unit-effort information **taking into account the abundance of non-Northern Peninsula in the catch area.** The department shall manage each section of the Northern District as specified in this management plan and 5 AAC 09.320.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? More effective manage rivers on the North Peninsula.

From the WASSIP study it showed that a significant portion of the Northern Peninsula catch was actually destined for non-North Peninsula rivers therefore managing by escapement and catch per unit effort could allow over exploitation of a rivers run. Managing based on catch per unit effort when it is established that a large portion of the catch is not of the targeted river puts sustainability in question.

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