

PROPOSAL 105 – 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded, as follows:

Direct the department to allow fishing in the N-K-Beach stat area when the department projects the Kasilof red salmon may exceed the upper limit and the need for extra fishing time to harvest the abundance is needed.

This may happen as early as June 25th. Net restrictions, shore nets, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and even 4 3/4 inch or smaller web could be required during the extra time to target Kasilof reds.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Allow and direct the department to manage by stat-area when needed.

Example: When the department projects that the Kasilof red escapement will exceed the upper escapement limit.

Extra fishing time has been allowed from Blanchard Line and south.

Which includes:

Ninilchick (stat-area 244-21) , Coho (stat-area 244-22), and South K-Beach (stat-area 244-31).

The department is opening drift and set net areas 10, 15, 20, and 25 miles south of the Kasilof River.

Instead of leaving out North K-Beach (stat-area 244-32) which is located 4 to 9 miles north of the Kasilof River. It makes sense to include North-K-Beach to harvest the abundance due to it's close proximity to the Kasilof.

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