

December 3, 2017

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RE: RC Comments on 2017 Finfish proposal 47

5 AAC 24.370. PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND MANAGEMENT AND SALMON ENHANCEMENT ALLOCATION PLAN.

As the author of proposal 47, I request that the Board of Fish develop a PWS Enhanced Salmon Allocation Working Group to meet and develop a updated plan for the next BOF PWS meeting in 2020. This should result in a better fully vetted plan than what we can accomplish here at this meeting.

Since the adaption of the plan in 2005 the values of the enhanced salmon produced in the PWS area has changed dramatically and will change more with the planned increases in enhanced salmon production. The allocation plan triggers or piggy banks have not performed as intended. The result is the triggers or piggy banks that is intended to bring the drift fleet back to their allocation has no value. PWSAC has discussed making production changes, but some are tied to the allocation plan and they have not figured out the proper procedure to address it.

Thank You,

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