

## Solutions from Don Westlund

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### King Salmon Action Plan 2018

#### Action #2 – Commercial Fishery

1. Net Gear:

Close Neets Bay THA for 6 days during Statistical Weeks 24 thru 27  
Regional non-retention of King Salmon 20 inches and greater in length.  
(This measurement takes in four to seven year old King Salmon.)

0 – 20 inches = 3-year-old or 1 ocean fish

20 – 28 inches = 4-year-old or 2 ocean fish

Over 28 inches = 5 to 7-year-old or 3 ocean fish

The reasons the Department needs to implement these management measures are:

1. Five rivers which have stocks of concern;
2. These measures should help increase ocean survival of inside-rearing King Salmon
3. Return more large body spawning King Salmon to the rivers which have not met the lower bounds of the BEG
4. No purse seine vessel shall have King Salmon Fillets onboard at any time
5. Whole body King Salmon less than 20 inches shall be counted at the processor and forfeited to the State.

Reasons why we have fewer older large inside-rearing King Salmon:

1. Lack of adequate Herring Biomass in inside waters for both SSE and NSE Alaska
2. Multiple years of purse seine fishing in inside waters for both SSE and NSE Alaska
3. Pink Salmon Management Plan causes the interception of 1 and 2 ocean fish by the purse seine fleet (Squishers)