• Unuk Option B burdens trollers throughout the entire region – far beyond the Blue areas shown in RC 152
• Choosing Unuk Option B overrides any benefit to trollers of choosing Chilkat Option A
• Unuk Option A already incorporates many troll actions taken since 2014 to reduce Unuk harvest.¹ Please don’t make the reward for proactive management be additional restrictions!

New for 2014-2016 (included in Option A):
  1. Close West Behm Canal spring district
  2. Close Point Alava spring district
  3. Close Clarence Strait spring district
  4. Close large portion of Ketchikan spring district
  5. Reduce open periods in remainder of Ketchikan spring district by 7 days in June
  6. Reduce open periods in West Clarence Strait spring district by 7 days in June
  7. Reduce open periods in Mountain Point spring district by 5 days in June
  8. Reduce open periods in North Sumner Strait spring district by 5 days in June
  9. Reduce open periods in South Sumner Strait spring district by 5 days in June
  10. Reduce open periods in Steamer Point spring district by 17 days in June

New for 2017 – additional to above (also included in Option A):
  11. Cap fishing periods in Kendrick Bay spring district at 3 days/wk through SW21
  12. Cap fishing periods in Stone Rock bay spring district at 1 day/wk through SW21
  13. Cap fishing periods in Mountain Point spring district at 4 days/wk through SW21
  14. Close portion of Mountain Point spring district from June 15- end of spring season
  15. Close remainder of Ketchikan spring district from May 29-end of spring season
  16. Close remainder of W. Clarence Strait spring district from May 29-end of spring season
  17. Close remainder of Kendrick Bay spring district from May 29-end of spring season
  18. Close remainder of Stone Rock Bay spring district from May 29-end of spring season
  19. Close remainder of West Rock spring district from May 29-end of spring season

• The above actions all of which were in effect in 2017, combined with reduction by other gear groups successfully reduced the overall Harvest Rate to pre-2012 levels. Had this occurred in the years 2012-2016, the Unuk would have made escapement every year prior to 2016.

• Hence, Option A (continued application of 2017-like management) for all gear groups is adequate to return the Unuk Chinook run to healthy levels.

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¹ See pages 8 & 9 of Draft Unuk Action Plan RC5
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Data expansion from ADF&G Mark-Tag-Age lab database

* 3-oceans are dominate spawning age- hence predicted by prior-yr 2-oceans
* The poor 2017 return was clearly predicted by the very low catch in 2016.
* The 2017 catch is 10x larger than the anomalously low 2016 catch which indicates a vastly improved 2018 return
* The presence of 1-ocean fish in 2017 catch bodes well for the 2019 return
* This is only SE stock with 100% tagging- hence most accurate data

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