

Alaska Board of Fisheries recommendations on Unuk, Chilkat and King Salmon rivers chinook Action Plans

Guiding Principles in implementing these Action Plans

Please provide further explanation on what intent is of the last sentence "Further changes to management measures will be based on inseason run assessment information as it becomes available." and how ADF&G could use that *inseason run assessment information* to manage each sector on a seasonal and yearly basis.

Unuk River

Troll Fishery Option B with Modification

1. & 2. Winter and Spring :

Comment: Both of these portions of the season are critical to SE AK trollers as catch rates, weather and prices can all be very good which often provides for 20-25% of my overall chinook troll income.

1. Winter: Consider adding line modifications (eg moving winter line inward) and/or using EO authority for a closing date in order to achieve conservation objectives of Action Plans while allow winter troll allocation to be harvested.
2. Spring: Spring hatchery fisheries are made possible by Fish Enhancement taxes that are applied to commercial salmon fisheries and Treaty mitigation funds. Harvest of those spring chinook can be in the neighborhood of 10,000 fish @ 12lb avg X \$9/lb = \$1,080,000 for the fleet. The closer those chinook get to the THA's, the less likely they are to bite. Forgoing harvest of those hatchery fish would essentially reallocate them to fisheries that do not contribute to hatchery production.
3. Summer: Maintaining the July 1st opening date is essential to the *Guiding Principles in Implementing these Action Plans* while minimizing unnecessary release mortality of chinook, ensuring troll coho production when cohos are often at their highest abundance and minimizing major disruptions to the fleet and processors.

Thank you much for your considerations, Jeff Farvour