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Proposal XXX – 5 AAC 06.368. Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) greatly supports and urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries to generate a proposal to address the overly restrictive aspects of the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan. The plan now restricts fishing opportunity under all scenarios, unless the department projects on August 1, that the coho salmon escapement will be above 120,000 fish on August 25. Reexamining the inseason management projection date of August 1 and inseason management RC 4 triggers may provide additional coho salmon fishing opportunity for Nushagak River subsistence, sport, and commercial fisherman.

BBEDC agrees with the intent of the preproposal to “*Modify the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan to provide additional fishing opportunity when the department projects the sustainable escapement goal range of 60,000–120,000 coho salmon will be achieved...*”