

PROPOSAL 154

5 AAC 15.357. Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan.

Adopt a large fish escapement goal for king salmon, as follows:

The solution I recommend is that jacks should not be counted in the escapement goal.

Only mature Chinooks can be counted in the escapement goal.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Only mature Chinook salmon can be counted in the escapement goal numbers.

The reason I would like to see this policy implemented is that 1,350 kings is too small of an escapement goal for the Chignik River. Some years, jacks account for 25% or more of the Kings' escapement goal. Most Rivers use sonar and only count large Kings. Jacks skew the male-female ratio.

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