

**PROPOSAL 76**

**5 AAC 18.362. Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan.**

Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order, as follows:

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(e) The Inner and Outer Karluk Sections must be managed

(1) From June 1 through July 15, based on early-run sockeye salmon returning to the Karluk system; the commissioner may open, by emergency order, fishing periods in the Inner Karluk Section, **concurrent with the Outer Karluk and Central Sections,** only if the Department determines that the midpoint of the early-run escapement goal range will be achieved;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The proposed language would modify a BOF change made in 2017 as a result of Proposal 60. Proposal 60, as written, was an attempt to prevent over escapement in the Karluk River by conducting a cost recovery fishery. Proceeds could have been used by KRAA for the benefit of all Kodiak salmon permit holders. Since designation of a Special Harvest Area is not legally possible on a wild salmon run, the proposal was modified, at the end of the meeting, with language supplied by ADFG, not the author or stakeholders.

Although the final language in 2017 provided ADFG with greater ability to manage the fishery and slow or prevent over escapement on the Karluk early sockeye run, the benefit of this regulation change went to the seine fleet only. This language change is a housekeeping measure to ensure that all gear types can benefit from large escapements of Karluk bound sockeye and provides clear language for management and stakeholders.

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