

PROPOSAL 58

5 AAC 24.365. Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.

Amend the *Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan* to provide daily fishing periods, as follows:

5 AAC 24.370 (2) (A). Remove the words, [AND WHERE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE TO REDUCE THE HARVEST OF STOCKS BOUND FOR OTHER DISTRICTS;]

Return the AFK enhanced chum salmon fishery to a schedule of daily fishing periods.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The words, "and where, to the extent practical, the department shall manage to reduce the harvest of stocks bound for other districts; were added at the request of the Gillnet fleet due to some harvest of Sockeye salmon in conjunction with the harvest of Chum salmon destined for the Armin F Koernig hatchery Terminal and Special Harvest Areas. This Sockeye harvest has always occurred, and continues to even with the Departments efforts. Historically the AFK caught percentage of Sockeyes bound for other areas has been between 1.51% in 2010, and 11% in 2015, with a ten year average of 4.94%. The reduced time and area management protocol the department has adopted due to these added words has caused great harm, both to the Fishermen and their equipment, and the financial outcome of the distribution of the catch. Fishing in compressed time frames on buildups of fish has resulted in damaged boats and a wider gap between the haves and have nots.

These Sockeye salmon caught by the Seine fleet do not constitute an absolute win for the Seine gear group. The PWS Enhancement Allocation Plan takes them into account when determining fishing area opportunities.

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