

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY UNDER AS 16.05.270
TO THE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ESCAPEMENT
GOAL LANGUAGE IN 5 AAC 24.361 COPPER RIVER KING SALMON
MANAGEMENT PLAN
2021-302-FB

Under the authority of AS 16.05.270, the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegates to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game (department) authority under AS 16.05.251 to consider and, at the commissioner's discretion, adopt regulatory changes related to the escapement goal number in 5 AAC 24.361 *Copper River King Salmon Management Plan* in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62). The regulation contains a specific sustainable escapement goal number for king salmon of 24,000. However, the department sets sustainable escapement goals which may change over time based on new data or information since the previous escapement goal review, and in this case it has changed. Having a sustainable escapement goal in regulation which is no longer current causes confusion for the public and department.

VOTE: #-#

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Cordova, Alaska

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries