

UNITED SOUTHEAST ALASKA GILLNETTERS

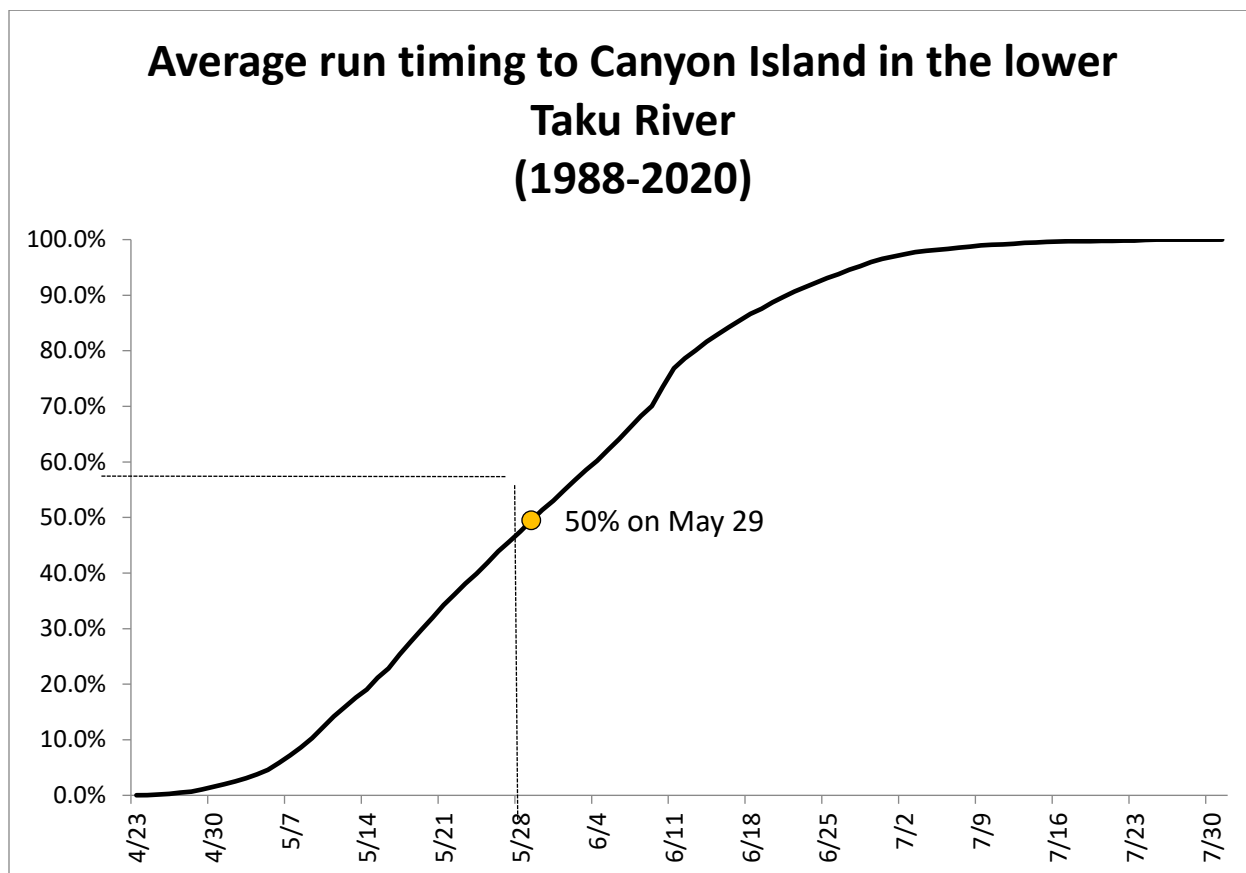
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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

USAG on Action Plans

SW	Date	Run Timing (88-20 avg)	
		Canyon Island	Taku Inlet
25	6/12	78.6%	87.5%
25	6/13	80.1%	88.7%
25	6/14	81.6%	89.7%
25	6/15	82.9%	90.7%
25	6/16	84.2%	91.5%
25	6/17	85.4%	92.3%
25	6/18	86.6%	93.1%
26	6/19	87.5%	93.8%
26	6/20	88.7%	94.6%
26	6/21	89.7%	95.2%
26	6/22	90.7%	96.0%
26	6/23	91.5%	96.5%
26	6/24	92.3%	96.9%
26	6/25	93.1%	97.4%
27	6/26	93.8%	97.7%
27	6/27	94.6%	98.0%
27	6/28	95.2%	98.2%
27	6/29	96.0%	98.4%
27	6/30	96.5%	98.6%
27	7/1	96.9%	98.7%
27	7/2	97.4%	98.9%
28	7/3	97.7%	99.1%
28	7/4	98.0%	99.1%
28	7/5	98.2%	99.3%
28	7/6	98.4%	99.4%
28	7/7	98.6%	99.5%
28	7/8	98.7%	99.6%
28	7/9	98.9%	99.6%

29	7/10	99.1%	99.7%
29	7/11	99.1%	99.7%
29	7/12	99.3%	99.7%
29	7/13	99.4%	99.7%
29	7/14	99.5%	99.8%
29	7/15	99.6%	99.8%
29	7/16	99.6%	99.8%



Taku king salmon returns occur earliest of all se stock. By July 1, around the end of stat week 27, 96.7% of the run is in river. While extending restrictions past this time may save a small amount of fish, it will also cost us opportunity to harvest sockeye.

SW	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
25	23	1	13		
26	38	6	24	42	28
27	41	5	40	67	73
28	19	9	30	34	39
29	23	10	17	46	11

This shows the recent catch history of gillnet fleet by stat week and year.

Stat Week	Sockeye/Chinook Ratio					Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
25	45	239	9	0	0	38
26	53	181	35	5	11	32
27	47	272	53	12	52	44
28	224	357	212	18	198	169
29	536	561	753	47	389	348

This shows how many sockeyes we catch per chinook by stat week.

We would like the department through EO the latitude to manage for sockeye to allow us some opportunity beginning stat week 28. We believe status quo, or option A best suits the situation.

Chilkat

During the Action Plan instituted for the Chilkat kings in 2018, the department implemented actions that exceeded the action plan in 2019, 2020, and 2021. We feel this shows the department is conscious and more than willing to do what is necessary to revive these runs. The Chilkat came in 203% of forecast in 2019, 205% in 2020, and 131% in 2021. Department has stated they will continue restrictive management, in line with the previously mentioned seasons. This will allow them the opportunity to ease restrictions as conditions improve, and not be stuck in a plan for longer than they need to be. The language in conditions for reducing management restrictions or delisting a stock of concern for the Action Plan in 2018 said the department "will recommend" removing the Chilkat stock of concern listing at the next SEAK finfish meeting.

If we are to be saddled with an action plan for the Chilkat, we would prefer it was Option A, and let the department manage us as they successfully have for the last three seasons. They have shown that they are willing to do what is necessary to achieve escapement goals.

Stikine

We support Option A. As stated previously, we feel the department has the tools and ability to implement additional restrictions if they are needed. The department can, and has, as they did with the Chilkat Action Plan, add more restrictive measures beyond the Action Plan through EO. What ever Action Plan is in effect is a minimum which cannot be liberalized. We feel it prudent to not set restrictions beyond what may be necessary.