

**PROPOSAL 60**

**5 AAC 06.366. Ugashik District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Set and Drift Gillnet Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan.**

Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules, as follows:

Abolish current Ugashik fall fishing schedule.

Add Ugashik to the current regulation regarding the fall fishing schedule for Naknek/Kvichak, Egegik. Assimilate all 3 Eastside districts together.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In Ugashik, the current fall schedule is after Aug 1st, it opens Thurs 9am until Mon 9am. I propose changing the fall schedule to align with Naknek/Kvichak, and Egegik which is a Mon 9am until Sun 9am, starting on July 17. Implementation shall only occur if the minimum escapement goal has been reached as of July 17.

Why? the current regulation often results in the end of the Ugashik fishery for a given season. Markets leave when there are gaps in fishing time while other districts are open (Kvichak, Egegik) The result is local Ugashik fishers have missed opportunities for fall fishing due to markets not coming to the district, while both of the other Eastside districts are fishing. By assimilating Ugashik with Kvichak and Egegik's fall fishing schedule, it will level the field of opportunities for all fishers.

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