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Addendum to the Karluk River King Salmon Action Plan

CONDITIONS FOR REDUCING MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS OR DELISTING A STOCK OF CONCERN

The *Policy for Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries* (SSFP; 5 AAC 39.222). The SSFP states that “management concern means a concern arising from a chronic inability, despite use of specific management measures, to maintain escapements for a salmon stock within the bounds of the SEG, BEG, OEG, or other specific management objectives for the fishery...”. Chronic inability is further defined in the SSFP as “...the continuing or anticipated inability to meet escapement thresholds over a four to five-year period...” based on the generation time of most salmon species.

The stock of management concern (SOC) for this stock is based on failure to achieve the Biological Escapement Goal (BEG). Recommendation for delisting Karluk River king salmon as a stock of management concern will be based on the ability to achieve the BEG.

1. If the lower bound of the BEG range is met or exceeded in three consecutive years or is met in four out of six consecutive years and the department is expecting to meet the goal in future years, the department will recommend removing Karluk River king salmon as a stock of management concern at the first Kodiak board meeting after this condition is met.
2. Management measures could be relaxed in specific areas if updated data indicates areas where restrictions are no longer needed to ensure the escapement goal is met.
3. In the event that 2 consecutive years of escapements are near the upper bound of the escapement goal range or above the range, management restrictions may be relaxed or set aside using EO authority.

Stock status, action plan performance (including information on harvest rate, distribution, and timing in fisheries), and the results of the escapement goal review will be updated in a report to the board at the next Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting.