PROPOSAL 114

5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.

Adopt an Optimal Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon as follows:

Delete 5 AAC 21.360 (a) (b) (c) replace with the following.

5 AAC 21.360 Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan

- (a) The department shall manage the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon stocks primarily for commercial use based on abundance.
- (b) The Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries shall be managed to
 - (1) Meet the BEG of 700,000 to 850,000 late-run sockeye salmon as measured at the sonar counter located at Kenai River mile 19 and distribute the escapement of sockeye salmon evenly within the BEG range in proportion to the size of the run.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Set one Sockeye Salmon Kenai River Late-Run management escapement goal of a BEG of 700,000 to 850,000 sockeye at the Kenai River sonar counter located at river mile 19.

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