

Board clarification on Action Plan regarding conditions of de-listing:

Some attendees of this meeting have asserted that we have already secured ONE escapement toward de-listing late run Kenai kings as a stock of concern; i.e. at a threshold escapement of 14,250 large kings, the 2023 late run escapement has already met the recovery goal, and would therefore serve as the first of three escapements secured toward de-listing. I strongly disagree.

This is a disingenuous interpretation that circumvents and weakens the intent of your Action Plan as it pertains to conditions of de-listing.

Since there was no Action Plan in place last year, the 2023 escapement is NOT pertinent to the Action Plan just adopted by the Board. Moreover, it seems completely ridiculous that the very same escapement that was used to justify listing late run Kenai kings as a Stock of Management Concern in October would now be irrationally used to justify DE-LISTING the same stock in your Action Plan.

I would strongly encourage the Board to briefly go back on the record for the amended RC 183 Action Plan as it pertains to conditions of de-listing to specifically clarify this issue. The Department of Law can weigh in to determine if the existing language is sufficient to capture your intent. If not, I believe simply adding the language “subsequent to implementation of this Action Plan” to the portion addressing de-listing criteria would make your intent crystal clear.