

Proposal 223

3. ADVISORY COMMITTEES had concerns about leaving fish on table and might not catch the remaining quota if the 60/40 regulation is implemented

I'd like to address these concerns

1) The existing troll fleet is the most capitalized fleet in the history of trolling. We have the best electronics, good platform (boats), a fleet with much experience with the average troller having 20 years or more. That alone would be good reasoning why fish wouldn't be left on the table

2) 5 AAC 29.100 Management of the Summer troll fishery

(A) if approximately 70 percent or more of the remaining troll king salmon harvest was taken during the initial opening under (1)(A) of this subsection, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance described in 5 AAC 29.025 for the remainder of the summer salmon troll season in order to slow down the harvest rate; however, if after 10 days, the department determines that the annual troll king salmon harvest ceiling might not be reached by September 20 with those waters closed, the commissioner shall reopen, by emergency order, the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance.

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⑤ Greater opportunity for

in-season management during

August opener with 60/40

Management flexibility is always

a good thing. In-season management does just that.

This is from RC-2 staff:

Comments on inseason management
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Shifting harvest from the first to the second king salmon opening would increase the likelihood that the second opening would be long enough to allow for inseason management, rather than setting a predetermined number of days. Inseason management allows the department to respond to factors affecting troll catch rates and effort which cannot be anticipated prior to the opening, such as weather and targeting of species other than king salmon.

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