

**PROPOSAL 124**

**5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.**

Amend the purpose of the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* to include inriver users, as follows:

(a) The purpose of this management plan is to ensure adequate escapement and harvestable surplus of salmon into the Northern District drainages and to provide management guidelines to the department. The department shall manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery to minimize the harvest of

- (1) Northern District bound salmon in order to provide all inriver users
- (2) and Kenai River coho salmon in order to provide sport and guided sport fishermen
- (3) a reasonable opportunity to harvest these salmon stocks over the entire run, as measured by the frequency of inriver restrictions. The department shall manage the Central District commercial drift gillnet fishery as described in this section.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Inadequate allocation of harvestable salmon for sport, personal use, and guided sport in the Susitna River drainage. The population of inriver anglers in the Mat-Su Borough has grown along with the census figure of over 100,000 local residents. The increased demand for harvestable salmon is not currently being met.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Outdoor Council

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