

PROPOSAL 204

5 AAC 21.358. Northern District Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users, as follows:

(a) The purposes of this management plan are to minimize the harvest of coho salmon bound for the Northern District of upper Cook Inlet and to provide the department direction for management of salmon stocks. The department shall manage the chum, pink, and sockeye salmon stocks [PRIMARYLY] for commercial uses **and in-river uses** to provide [COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN WITH AN ECONOMIC YIELD FROM THE] **an opportunity to** harvest [OF] these salmon resources based on abundance. The department shall also manage the chum, pink, and sockeye salmon stocks to minimize the harvest of Northern District coho salmon, to provide sport and guided sport fisherman **and other in-river users** a reasonable opportunity to harvest these salmon resources over the entire run, as measured by the frequency of in-river restrictions, or as specified in this section and other regulations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This new language gives direction to the department to provide all users of the salmon resource more equal sharing.

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