

I am resubmitting my proposal 205 in its entirety since the version printed in the BOF proposal book has had all the supporting data on which the proposal is based removed from the proposal listing. With this RC, you can view the data and see where it came from to realize how badly unbalanced the "minimize" concept has become in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan.

In the original proposal, I showed, using ADF&G data, why I am asking for a specific definition of the word "minimize." However, I didn't make a specific recommendation of what that definition should look like. Having given the definition some further thought, I would like to make some specific suggestions.

First, after July 31, no commercial drift fishing can occur outside the expanded harvest zones on the East Side of Cook Inlet – no fishing in the center of the Inlet in the area referred to as the Conservation Corridor. This is to reduce interception of mixed stock and mixed species fish moving north toward their natal streams.

Second, when the species of salmon expected to be in the greatest numbers during a fishing period in an area outside the expanded harvest zones is other than sockeye, chum, or pink, the scheduled commercial drift fishing period shall be reduced to six hours.

Third, if in-river Coho sport fishing is restricted during the season for lack of fish or concerns of failing to make escapement goals, then commercial drift fishing for Coho salmon shall be closed until a projection of sufficient numbers to make escapement goals is determined.