

Rationale to Advance ACR #4

Overview:

To slightly amend the Kenai River Late Run King Salmon plan to add Near Shore Setnet Beach-Net Fishing, M/Th, to provide ADF&G managers a tool, or method, to harvest other abundant species during times of low king salmon.

- Meets Criterion A: Fishery Conservation Purpose or Reason
 - Repeated dramatic over escapement of other species is occurring
 - Damage to main stem Kenai River Large King salmon spawners
 - Damage to future returns of all the effected species: kings, sockeye, pinks
 - All are significant conservation issues

- Meets Criterion C: Correct and effect on a fishery that was unforeseen
 - The magnitude and severity of the effect on the whole UCI fishery surely exceeds what Was foreseen when the causing regulation was adopted.
 - If, in fact, the crisis effect WAS foreseen when the causing regulation was adopted Then the BOF is accountable for causing this crisis and should therefore advance this ACR as a means of some mitigation of the crisis caused.

- Under current regulations ADF&G managers' hands are tied and have no effective tool to manage the mixed stock fishery goals.

- The 2020 BOF meetings were characterized by a clearly predetermined agenda that effectively precluded any chance of an accurate and complete discussion, analysis and determination of this issue, hence the need for this ACR.

- This proposal could be acted on with only minimal time commitment added to the upcoming BOF meeting agenda.

ACR#4 has been drafted, discussed and considered by a broad base of stakeholders and authoritative participants and is widely approved. We have opted for clear and concise communication rather than to attempt to overwhelm anyone with voluminous messages and letters. Thank you for your serious and earnest consideration of this import matter.