

Edgar Smith Area M Setnetter

Proposal 144

As a setnetter it is beneficial I catch pink salmon on the capes and before the pink salmon get close to their terminal streams. The late Arnie Shawl would always open the whole region for a few days at the beginning of August. He would gauge these few openings to the run strength and what streams and area's would be showing a strong return. We would always know the first week of August how long the remainder of the season would be anticipated to last.

I would like the July salmon opening dates to continue into August for the setnetters, they could be enacted by EO and not set in a set management date plan. The writer of this proposal said he would accommodate the setnetters on the south peninsula to the proposal's intentions and outcome.

Standing down also has a cost, keeping crew focused, expenses accumulating, other engagements deferred, an attempt to engage in a pink salmon fishery at the beginning of August, needs to happen.

Anticipated run escapements, actual run escapements will all be part of this plan. Lower, mid and upper pink salmon escapements for the south peninsula.

To be working on bright and fresh pink salmon on the capes in the south peninsula needs to be the intended objective, this proposal will ensure this.