

Member Mitchell

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The framework below represents the understanding between the Chignik Intertribal Coalition and the Area M Seiners Association regarding how the Alaska Department of Fish and Game may manage fisheries to conserve Chignik River early run sockeye salmon in 2022 following the Alaska Board of Fisheries' designation of Chignik River early run sockeye salmon as a Stock of Management Concern. This framework is not an action plan and does not restrict the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's emergency order authority to manage salmon stocks for sustained yield in both the Chignik and South Alaska Peninsula Management Areas.

Based on early run sockeye salmon escapement at the Chignik Weir, fishing time for purse seine gear, during the second fishing period, under the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* would be reduced by 50%, in the Shumagin Islands Section, in order to achieve the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal.

Fishing time for purse seine gear under the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* would continue being reduced during subsequent fishing periods to meet the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal.

If the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal is projected to be met restrictions in the South Alaska Peninsula fishery would be lifted and commercial salmon fishing periods in the Chignik Management Area may be warranted.

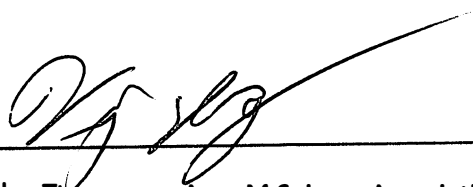
If the lower bound of the Chignik River sockeye salmon early run escapement goal is not projected to be met by July 1, a mixture of restrictions, including a 50% reduction in fishing time for purse seine gear during the first commercial salmon fishing period in July in the Shumagin Islands Section, would be applied to fishing opportunity in the South Alaska Peninsula Area under the *Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula* and in the Chignik Management Area. The department would attempt to balance providing harvest opportunity on Chignik late-run sockeye salmon in the Chignik Management Area, and local South Alaska Peninsula stocks in the South Alaska Peninsula Area while continuing to conserve Chignik early run sockeye salmon.

Subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon in the Chignik Management Area would not be restricted.



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