

Amendment to proposal #13 submitted by Brian Kraft

After further education on some unintended consequences with language in Proposal #13, I suggest the following amendment:

Due to allocation concerns and the department falling out of the requirements of the allocation between set and drift, and the fact that some set sites require the use of vehicles on the tidelands well before high tide, it is recommended that this proposal pertain to the Drift fleet only. I would like to remove the Set-Net fishers from having to adhere to this proposal. Substitute language to the proposal as follows:

The Department of Fish and Game will create opportunities for pulses of King salmon to enter the Nushagak River. From June 1 through July 10 this will be done by issuing *Drift Gillnet Fleet* commercial openings no earlier than 1 hour before the forecasted high tide at Clark's Point. The Department will close fishing at least 4 hours before the next scheduled high tide. This will allow for pulses of Kings to make it into the Nushagak River while still allowing for the commercial fleet and set users to access the resource and have economic opportunities. *This regulation does not pertain to the commercial set-net users in the Nushagak District.*

*The Department shall have the authority to open the Drift Gillnet Commercial fishery within these time limits if there had been extenuating weather circumstances that caused XXX% of the registered Vessels in the Nushagak District to forego fishing because of safety concerns. The Drift Opener would be within the time restrictions on the next two high tides immediately after the weather event that prevented XXX% of Vessels from fishing. The act of deploying nets from a Vessel registered in the Nushagak District in an attempt to catch fish. This action is defined as fishing.*

*This restriction will be lifted if the Nushagak King Salmon run escapement exceeds 95,000 fish prior to July 10.*