

*Substitute Language For PROPOSAL 11 (Revised) – As requested by Board Member Carpenter*

**5 AAC 06.361. Nushagak-Mulchatna River King Salmon Management Plan.**

Make amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

Add to section (a):

**The department shall manage the Nushagak fisheries for the following management objectives:**

- 1) Provide consistent sport fishing opportunity within and among seasons. This includes a level of inriver abundance as a given year's run timing allows, and a predictably open season.**
- 2) Provide a directed commercial king salmon fishery when surplus is available.**
- 3) Provide for an uninterrupted commercial sockeye salmon fishery (i.e., minimize disruptions to the sockeye salmon fishery).**
- 4) Provide for reasonable opportunity for subsistence harvest of king salmon.**
- 5) The subsistence fishery is the last fishery to be closed <sup>1</sup>.**
- 6) Achieve escapement goals for all species in the district.**
- 7) Maintain a representation of age classes in the escapement similar to the run.**

Add to section (b):

**(4) Consistent with 5 AAC 06.367 Nushagak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan, the department in an attempt to conserve king salmon shall manage for sockeye escapements in the Nushagak District to fall within the**

**(1) lower half of the escapement goal range when the Wood River sockeye salmon run is [71.5] million or less and/or the Nushagak sockeye salmon run is 2.5 million or less, or the**

**(2) upper half of the escapement goal range when the Wood River sockeye salmon run is greater than [71.5] million and/or the Nushagak sockeye salmon run is greater than 2.5 million based on the preseason forecast and in-season assessment of run size.**

**(5) On or after June 25, the department shall consider when evaluating total run of sockeye salmon to the Nushagak District all possible data sources including but not limited to: pre-season forecast, Port Moller test fishery indices and stock and age composition, total C+E to date, age composition of C&E and district test fishing.**

**(6) From June 1 through June 30 the department in an attempt to conserve king salmon shall, to the extent practicable, conduct a drift<sup>2</sup> gillnet test fishery to assess the abundance of sockeye and king salmon prior to opening by emergency order a fishing period directed at sockeye salmon.**

<sup>1</sup> Nushagak AC voted to add "restricted or" before "closed"

<sup>2</sup> Nushagak AC voted to strike "drift"

Modify section (c) as follows:

(c) If the total inriver king salmon return in the Nushagak River is projected to exceed 95,000 fish,

**(1)** the guideline harvest level described in (b)(1)(C) of this section does not apply[.], **and**  
**(2) the department will consider a directed commercial king salmon fishery.**

modify section (e) as follows:

(2) shall [close]**restrict to catch and release**, by emergency order, the sport fishery **for king salmon** in the Nushagak River [to the taking of salmon] and prohibit the use of bait for fishing for all species of fish until the end of the king salmon season specified in 5 AAC 67.020 and 5 AAC 67.022(g); and

(3) [shall]**may** establish, by emergency order, fishing periods during which the time or area is reduced for the inriver king salmon subsistence fishery in the Nushagak River.