

**Proposed amendment to the draft Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan
(Proposal 11)**

Submitted by: Kenai River Sportfishing Association

New language:

(g) Department shall establish two 18-hour fishery closure windows per week in the Nushagak District commercial set and drift gillnet sockeye fishery.

Rationale:

This amendment will provide protection for King Salmon escapement in the latter half of the run consistent with explicit direction in 5 AAC 06.361 (b)(2) to *“maintain a natural representation of age classes in the escapement, the department shall attempt to schedule commercial openings to provide pulses of fish into the river that have not been subject to harvest by commercial gear.”*

Should RC 41 be adopted as substitute language, this amendment is intended to apply to that that proposal.