

PROPOSAL 47

5 AAC 06.320. Fishing periods.

Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows:

06.320 [c][1] From June 1 through July [17] **22** Salmon may only be taken by periods established by EO

06.320 [c][2] after 9 am July [17] **22** salmon may be taken from 9:00 am Monday to 9:00 am Sunday, or during periods established by EO.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Naknek-Kvichak sockeye salmon runs have been peaking later in July. We need to extend the dates to assure the later salmon runs reach their escapement goals before opening it up to the entire Bristol Bay Fleet.

The Naknek/Kvichak salmon run peaks later than most other districts in Bristol Bay. And do to the mass increase in boats after the regulatory period ends July 17th, the district is still looking to get its optimum escapement goal. Changing the regulatory season end date from July 17th to **July 22nd** will ensure that management will have the necessary tools to manage for optimum escapement goals and will keep the allocation between gear types more manageable. This proposal will align with Regulation 5aac 06.331 Gillnet Specifications for protection of our King Salmon in season and later King runs.

This Proposal is formulated to include changes in **Proposals 06.370 [b] and 06.364**

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I was encouraged by local Nak/Kvi AC members and local Naknek/Kvichak Fish Biologist.

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