

PROPOSAL 59

5 AAC 06.358. Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.

Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows:

WHEN THE WRSHA IS OPEN UNDER (c) (3) OF THIS SECTION THE WOOD RIVER WILL BE OPEN TO THE GEAR TYPE THAT IS BEHIND IN ALLOCATIONFOR THE NUSHAGAK DISTRICT INITIALLY. THEN EVERY 48 HOURS THEOPPOSITE GEAR TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH FOR UP TO 48 HOURSALTERNATING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO GEAR TYPES REGARDLESS OF ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES. THIS WOULD ONLY APPLYWHEN THE NUSHAGAK DISTRICT AND WRSHA ARE OPENSIMULTANEOUSLY.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? THE WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST MANAGEMENT. (WRSHA)

CURRENTLY WRSHSA ALLOWS THE GEAR TYPE BEHIND IN THEIR ALLOCATION TO FISH FIRST AND CONTINUE FISHING IN THE WRSHSA AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN BEHIND IN THEIR ALLOCATION. DUE TO THE LACK OF SET NET GEAR NUMBER FLUCTUATION AND RADICAL FLUCTUATION IN DRIFT GEAR NUMBERS, SET NET GEAR IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY GETTING TO FISH IN THE WRSHA WITH ALMOST NO OPPORTUNITY FOR DRIFT NET GEAR.

THIS IS DOES NOT SEEM EQUITABLE FOR SET NET GEAR TO GET ALL THE WRSHA OPENINGS AND THE DRIFT NET GEAR GETS ALMOST NONE OF THE WRSHA OPENINGS.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. NO, BUT I DID VISIT WITH TIM SANDS BIOLOGIST OF NUSHAGAK DISTRICT REGARDING THIS ISSUE AND HAVE TALKED WITH NUMBER OF OTHER FISHERMAN WHO AGREE WITH ME ON THIS ISSUE.

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