

PROPOSAL 62

5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan.

Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar, as follows:

No Nushagak District commercial drift or set netting prior to June 28th unless chinook salmon counts at Portage Creek sonar has exceeded minimum escapement number (55,000)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Commercial netting during the peak of chinook salmon migrating thru the Nushagak district has had a harmful impact on the numbers of kings allowed to return to the river, by refraining from any netting activity prior to June 28th will allow more kings in river to spawn and also provide for increased recreational and subsistence catch.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I have possessed a Choggiung Land Use Permit (LUP) to operate a sport fishing camp since 2004. I have seen a decline in chinook salmon numbers especially since around 2010 when sockeye netting was allowed to begin June 15-18. I do not have solid evidence, just my memory. I have consulted annually with other LUP operators and we all feel the same way. The chinook need to be allowed in river to sustain the run, our limited number of sport fisherman have the least amount of impact on the chinook runs. (as cited in Table 1 of the “Nushagak River King Salmon – Stock Status and Action Plan” Nov 29, 2022)

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