

PROPOSAL 69

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

Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows:

Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report.

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(a) The purpose of this management plan is to provide management tools and guidelines to the department for the management of Nushagak District salmon fisheries, while Nushagak River king salmon are listed as a stock of management concern, which will result in the sustained yield of king salmon stocks large enough to meet sustainable escapement goals, while allowing for harvest opportunity in the subsistence, sport, and commercial fisheries.

(b) While the Nushagak River king salmon are listed as a stock of management concern, it is the intent of the board that all Nushagak District salmon stocks are managed conservatively through June 28 to protect Nushagak River king salmon, consistent with 5 AAC 39.222

(policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries). **The provisions of this management plan are in effect until the lower bound of the SEG (55,000):**

(1) is met or exceeded in three consecutive years and is expected to be met in future years or

(2) is met in four out of six consecutive years and is expected to be met in future years.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 2022 Nushagak River King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan report to the Alaska Board of Fisheries recommended a recovery goal but this goal was not formalized.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Not applicable

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