

PROPOSAL 56 – 5 AAC 06.XXX. Alagnak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Create an inriver Alagnak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan, as follows:

Possible (Suggested) Management Scenario:

Prior to allocation period no fishing allowed. During the allocation period June 20 to July 17 and only after escapement has been achieved for the Alagnak River then open the river 1/4 mile above the mouth for a distance 1 mile up river to commercial fishing for both set and drift net fishing. An Alagnak in river fishery to be managed in keeping with the management guidelines established for other rivers in the Bristol Bay Region.

After the allocation period, (currently July 17) open the Alagnak River for commercial harvest on an every other day basis. For example: 24 hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. In every case, both during and after the allocation period, the actual days to be fished and timing of the fishery will be subject to daily decisions of the local management biologist.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Manage the Alagnak River Fishery to increase economic recovery of harvestable salmon.

The Alagnak River has from time to time produced salmon in excess of the required escapement and over escapement has occurred. This over escapement could be harvested by permitted drift and set net fishers for the economic wellbeing of the industry.

Levelock Village Council is developing a village owned fish processing facility that would purchase fish from fishers on the Alagnak River. The Levelock plant will be operated with a local hire policy and an employee recruitment plan that will extend all .of the villages along the Kvichak and Lake Iliamna watershed. The plant will bring increased economic activity to area and in doing so help the surrounding economies. The facility will provide residents with opportunities for increased employment as well as allowing for the development processing technical and business management skills. A fishery on the Alagnak River after the allocation period would provide a source of fish that the Levelock Plant could compete for that would benefit the local economy after the main season has passed and into the late summer

The fishery will be open to all permitted fishers. There will be no exclusivity for purchasing or processing, any licensed processor will be able to purchase fish.

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