

**PROPOSAL 69 – 5 AAC 06.358. Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.** Amend the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan to eliminate management based on Nushagak District drift and set gillnet gear allocations, as follows:

5 AAC 06.358(d)(3)(4) Delete that portion of (4) [EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.]

5 ACC 06.358(d)(3)(5) Delete (5) [WHEN THE WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST AREA IS OPEN UNDER (c)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE GEAR GROUP THAT IS BEHIND IN THE ALLOCATION SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 06.367(b) FOR THE NUSHAGAK DISTRICT.]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Deleting the requirement to manage for the Nushagak allocations as specified in 5 AAC 06.367 when the Wood River Special Harvest Area is open in accordance to 5 AAC 06.358(c)(3). At the last Bristol Bay cycle the Board of Fisheries eliminated the 74 percent drift gillnet harvest and 26 percent set gillnet harvest for other openings in the Wood River Special Harvest area, and replaced it with a 3 drift gear fishing periods to every one set gillnet fishing periods. To be consistent with the Board's intent, the entire Wood River Special Harvest Area should be managed on the same 3 to 1 ratio.

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