

PROPOSAL 100 – 5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25, as follows:

Amend (b)(2)(C)(i): If the department estimates that 50,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River before June 25, but on or after June 20, the commissioner **shall** [MAY] immediately, by emergency order, open the fishery...

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? If the department estimates that 50,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River before June 25, but on or after June 20 the commissioner may immediately, by emergency order, open the fishery.

However somehow conflict between department divisions has occurred and stalls the implementation. Including not “immediately” implementing opening somehow over Kenai early-run king salmon when 0 or perhaps 2 would be caught but cause historical sockeye escapement rates before July 8 and increased the likelihood that the department will not manage within the BEG range based on run timing and run strength.

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