

PROPOSAL 211 – 5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management. Close the Northern District commercial set gillnet fishery until the first regular period after June 24, if the Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order, as follows:

Adjust the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan by adding:

(12) if the Susitna River drainage King salmon sport fishery is restricted by emergency order, the commissioner shall close by emergency order, the Northern District commercial set net fishery until the first regular period after June 24.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The King Salmon sport fishery in the Susitna drainage has been highly restricted in the sport fishery due to low forecasts and returns. Based on King Salmon escapement surveys area wide, additional conservation measures outside of the sport fishery, are needed to ensure the perpetual sustainability of this run.

The Susitna Drainage contains 3 King Salmon stocks of concern- two of them sport fishing is no longer allowed, and the other harvest is prohibited.

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