(Proposal 63 was submitted by FOUR proposers. The proposal and four justifications by each proposer are provided below.)

**PROPOSAL 63 - 5 AAC 18.350. Closed waters.** Close all waters within a 500 yard radius of the terminus of Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:

**5 AAC 18.350 Closed Waters (a) (2) (A) all waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River (Red River)** [ALL WATERS EAST OF THE TERMINUS OF THE AYAKULIK RIVER (RED RIVER)]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fir the past 15 years I have fished the Ayakulik River on the south tip of Kodiak Island. The increase in commercial fishing at the mouth now prevents any King salmon from entering the river. The nets are presently across the entire mouth of the river. thus blocking salmon from entering the river. This keeps King salmon from entering the river to spawn. If this continues there will soon be no salmon in the river!

**PROPOSED BY:** Kenneth Blackman (EF-F16-048)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Regulation 5 AAC 18.350 Closed Waters (a) (2) (A) states closed waters are only closed east of the Ayakulik River. This leaves the mouth of the river open to seine commercial fishing on the entire ocean side. Seine nets are strung across the mouth of the Ayakulik River thus preventing the successful entry of the ever declining king salmon. While the commercial seine fishery must release any king salmon over 28 inches over in length within the Inner and Outer Ayakulik sections, the mortality rate of king salmon is at risk of ever increasing with the abundant numbers of seine nets present. Restriction of 500 yards of the Ayakulik River terminus for the commercial fishery would assist in alleviating the mortality rate of the king salmon thus helping the king salmon to meet the BEG goal.

**PROPOSED BY:** Tom Walters (EF-F16-049)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Closed waters for the Ayakulik River only applies to waters east of the terminus. Commercial seine nets are allowed to place nets directly across the mouth of the Ayakulik River on the ocean waters. This practice greatly increases the mortality rate on the ever declining Ayakulik River king salmon. While the commercial seine fishery must release any king salmon over 28 inches in length, with the ever present seine nets across the mouth of the Ayakulik River, king salmon virtually have no chance of entering the river alive. The BEG of the the Ayakulik River king salmon has not been met for many years. Restriction of commercial salmon fishing within 500 yards of the Ayakulik River stream terminus would greatly help to ensure the king salmon BEG is achieved. I have worked on the Ayakulik River since 1990. Within the 1990's, the regulation of 500 yards within the stream terminus of the Ayakulik River for the commercial seine fishery applied. Would once again like

to see this regulation apply to the Ayakulik River to help in anyway the ever declining wild Alaskan king salmon of the Ayakulik River, Kodiak Island.

**PROPOSED BY:** Tom Simkowski (EF-F16-050)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Having the stream terminus of the Ayakulik River (stream #256-201) continuously open to commercial seine fishing that coexists with the run cycle of king salmon increases the mortality rate of king salmon returning to the Ayakulik River. The commercial seine fishery in the KMA is not allowed to retain king salmon over 28 inches in length from June I't through July 5th with the possibie extension from July 6ft through July 30th for the Inner and Outer Ayakulik sections. However, with the high influence of constant seine nets being strung across the stream terminus of the Ayakulik River, king salmon virtually have no chance of successfully entering the Ayakulik River alive. The BEG of the Ayakulik River king salmon has not been met for many years, and yearly escapements since 2006have averaged just22Yo of escapements observed during the previous 10 year period. The 2014 escapement of approximately 900 fish was the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest on record for this fish stock. Accordingly, the Ayakulik River king salmon run is now being considered for designation as a "Stock of Concern" under the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222). Restriction of commercial salmon fishing within 500 yards of the Ayakulik River stream terminus is imperative to help ensure the king salmon BEG is achieved.