

**PROPOSAL 38**

**5 AAC 06.358. Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.**

Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish, as follows:

[(3) WHEN THE ESCAPEMENT OF SOCKEYE SALMON INTO THE WOOD RIVER EXCEEDS 1,100,000 FISH AND THE ESCAPEMENT IS PROJECTED TO EXCEED 1,400,000 FISH;]

[(5) WHEN THE WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST AREA IS OPEN UNDER (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST AREA WILL BE ONLY OPEN FOR 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?** Eliminate the opening of Wood River Special Harvest Area to the harvest of surplus sockeye in absence of conservation concerns for Nushagak River sockeye or Nushagak River Coho. Allowing commercial fishing under 5 ACC 06.358 (c)(3) does not follow the intent of the Board of Fish which is, "that salmon harvested in the Nushagak District should be harvested in the fisheries that have historically harvested them, including the methods, means, and locations of those fisheries, using the best biological management techniques and practices." Puts additional harvest pressure on the Muklung River king salmon, places extended closures on Wood River salmon subsistence users, does not follow the Nushagak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Allocation Plan.

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