

PROPOSAL 43

5 AAC 06.361. Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan

Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District, as follows:

In this case of lagging Chinooks and over abundance Sockeye run. My Solution would be to divide Nushagak into two different sections, lower and upper section, just for emergency order fishing periods in the early parts of Sockeye season to take some harvest out of an abundant Sockeye run.

Not knowing the lat/lon numbers, i was thinking maybe the from church south of EKUK to markers at the snake river following the Igushik section boundaries. ADFG can make that decision if they agree with my thought.

There needs to be some kind of tool to take some early Sockeye in the Nushagak system when there is an abundance.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to the protection of the Nushagak King salmon. 2017 salmon season found the late run kings lagging to enter the upper Nushagak river into the Portage creek drainage. At the same time millions of Wood river and Nushagak were entering Nushagak commercial fishing district. ADFG waited for oncoming storm to help push those king salmon on their way to their spawning grounds. At the same time those on time sockeye came into the district unharvested into their river of origin, leading to over escapement and loss of income in the fishery.

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