

PROPOSAL 186

5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons; and 5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.

Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries, as follows:

Eliminate the 1% rule from the management plans and manage on abundance using the most reliable science available.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 1 % rule doesn't work and only creates harm to the fishing industry, communities and the resource. Since its inception there has been millions of salmon gone unharvested and countless systems being over-escaped. There are not conservation concerns with coho. In fact they are returning in record numbers. Kenai sockeye salmon are consistently returning at a higher rate in August and the 1% has prevented their harvest along with forgoing harvest of vast numbers of chum and pink salmon in August.

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