

PROPOSAL 75

5 AAC 18.362. Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan.

Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River, as follows:

The Inner Ayakulik section shall have mandatory commercial salmon fishing regulatory markers set at 500 yards distance north and south of the stream terminus for the purpose of salmon management on the Inner Ayakulik Section. Predetermined GPS coordinates will be set pre-season by ADF&G

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to address the issue of King Salmon bycatch during sockeye commercial salmon seine fisheries on the Inner Ayakulik district. This is a stock of concern, going extinct. Currently on the fishing grounds conservation measures for king salmon call for non retention of kings 28 inches and longer. That is the only conservation measure in effect.

There used to be stationary commercial salmon regulatory markers at the Ayakulik stream terminus through the end of 2011. They have ceased to exist since then. The markers were at predetermined 500 yards from stream terminus GPS coordinates on shore and set pre-season and left for the duration of the season. The offshore buffer zone as part of that 500 yard buffer zone was a box or a triangle. The offshore part was mostly self-policing by fisherman. These markers were used as a successful visual and electronic salmon management tool on the Ayakulik inner section.

This allowed king salmon a chance to have somewhat of a safety corridor to travel during sockeye openers when the buffer zone was in effect.

Mandatory markers at 500 yards radius from stream terminus must be put back in as a tool of salmon management on the inner Ayakulik.

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