

PROPOSAL 54

5 AAC 24.370. Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.

Amend the *Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan* to specify hatchery chum salmon production, as follows:

Reduce hatchery production to 24% of the year 2000 production as promised in 2000.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Over production of chum salmon by the private not for profit hatcheries. In January 2001, the hatchery managers promised the Governor and the BOF that they would reduce hatchery production of chum salmon by 24% and never increase it again - reference Joint Protocol on Salmon Enhancement #2002-FB-215. This promise has not been kept.

If this problem is not solved, Alaska's wild salmon stocks bound for Alaskan rivers, and Alaskan residents will be subject to unfair competition with hatchery fish. The recovery of wild chum salmon stocks will be delayed or reversed. The Alaskan fishermen dependent for their subsistence needs on these wild stocks will continue to have their needs not met; the in-river commercial fisheries, that many rural Alaskan communities are economically dependent upon, will be curtailed or closed. Without healthy and robust Alaskan wild salmon runs, the economy and cultural foundation of a majority of the Alaskan communities will collapse.

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