

PROPOSAL 49

5 AAC 06.XXX. New Section.

Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

When upper escapement goals have been achieved in Eastside Districts (Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, Ugashik). Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game may have the option to enact a General District. The General District would consist of the waters specified in the May 17th, 2004, Board of Fish-approved General District.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to to the lack of funds and manpower of Alaska Public Safety Enforcement. The orderly fishery in the eastside districts (Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, Ugashik) deteriorates for the late season, due to a lack of enforcement effort. Because of this situation, a fishery of line violations is created, and many permit holders are forced out of the fishery. Fish revenues only go to a few, under this situation.

To remedy this, ADF&G can and should expand fishing to a General District once the upper escapement goals have been met. And Public Safety Enforcement has departed the Bristol Bay Fishery.

General District was implemented prior, per Board of Fish approval dated May 17th, 2004 General District will increase opportunity for fishing fleet, which in turn creates more revenue for fleet, processors, local and state tax jurisdictions. Additionally, late in the season. Marine mammals are a big problem in harvesting. A General District could spread things out for this situation.

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