

PROPOSAL 2

5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan.

Amend the *Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan* as follows:

Cook Inlet Saltwater king salmon fishery north of bluff point will remain open the entire month of May to harvest of 1 king per day and 2 per season, unless it is determined by actual sonar counts that escapement goals in the Kenai River and Anchor River won't be met.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The preseason closure of the saltwater king salmon fishery north of Bluff point due to ADFG EO based on preseason forecasts, This fishery is 94% feeder kings and very few spawning kings are caught in this fishery in the month of May. Closing this fishery months in advance based solely on a preseason forecast before the fish even arrive is overreach. wait until we know actual numbers.

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