

2014 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting

KRSA Proposals

January 31 – February 13, 2014, Anchorage Alaska

PROPOSAL 103 - 5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to drop inriver goals from list of escapement goals, prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.

PROPOSAL 112 - 5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River that allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.

PROPOSAL 126 - 5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations and 5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit permit stacking in the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.

PROPOSAL 156 - 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Establish an additional 24-hour window in the Kasilof area prior to July 7, limit extra fishing periods in the Kasilof area after July 7 when the Kenai area is closed, and limit use of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 161 - 5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.

PROPOSAL 168 - 5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Liberalize the Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit when the run is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish.

PROPOSAL 188 - 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Maintain existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 5,300-9,000 Kenai River early-run king salmon.

PROPOSAL 190 - 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Revise the management plan with measures that stabilize fisheries during low-run years, increase opportunities during large-run years, and eliminate the "slot limit" for king salmon.

PROPOSAL 207 - 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.

PROPOSAL 209 - 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.

PROPOSAL 211 - 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish certain set gillnet gear restrictions implemented by department to meet escapement goals.

PROPOSAL 248 - 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan. Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.