

Proposal 18

The upriver Ugashik River Stat area, 321-50, has taken a 40% reduction in its historical average between the set-net stat areas in larger Ugashik District. From being on the team that did the allocation I remember that the up river stat area had about 25% of the total set-net catch. Attached is the data after allociatoon See attach data from cfec

This reduction in income to the fishermen in the 321-50 stat is the reason why some set-net fishermen have had to go out further in river, to try and make a living.

A 40% reduction is a significant reduction and creates a financial hardship on permit holders. This much reduction of fish caught in this area also puts in jeopardy the buyers/processors who can buy fish from up there, as they need a certain amount of fish to continue servicing that area.

One compromise is to release the need for the end or the fishing gear (running line) to be attached to the shore. This would allow fishermen to set a middle buoy and fish on either side of it. This would let fishermen to still fish out to 1000ft and let the boats go on the inside of the net. This would also not set a precedent and open up the board to get a lot of proposal from other areas in Bristol Bay, complaining on blocked channels and hazards to navigations. As alluded to in Myra's testimony, that they could extend the length restrictions into other areas in the bay. I remember several cycles ago the set netters from Ekuk beach came to the board wanting to limit the length of the nets because they had to go into the faster waters to get around the nets. They were using safety and navigation, the same arguments at that time as reasons, like now. The board chose not to open up a new can of worms which they felt users-in-conflict could come to the board with multipliable proposals, further restricting some operations.

By allowing fisherman means to try and catch there historic catch in that area we may not have to have a separate allocation for that area. The processor which came into Ugashik village based on historic catch data and with the new catch which the area it is not profitable to have the tender and man power to handle these few fish. I have personally seen this in the 70's when we were the only fisherman fishing up there as we are our own market. There were many more rocks being thrown back then there was proposals to close that stat area put in by village residents.

The Ugashik Stat area should be managed in such a way to try and maintain it historic percent of the set-net catch, calculated from the same years and numbers which originally allocation was calculated.

It was not the intent of allocation to destroy or make a fishery unprofitable. Unintended management actions need to be considered. As long as the fishery is not in a conservation concern the manager needs to be aware of changes in management styles and there impact.

Language is attached that will give all set gillnetters in the village the opportunity to catch there historic catch.

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The SAS System

Year	321	32150	
1996	231618	65525	28.3%
1997	172608	27850	16.1%
1998	123115	38950	31.6%
1999	262037	71400	27.2%
2000	192711	46519	24.1%
2001	101432	29969	29.5%
2002	196596	57375	29.2%
2003	220618	64343	29.2%
2004	400219	72551	18.1%
2005	337786	51697	15.3%
2006	337973	69839	20.7%
2007	409049	70567	17.3%
2008	203689	31139	15.3%
2009	350290	55456	15.8%
2010	391961	58100	14.8%
2011	326990	50492	15.4%

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This is a really quick ad-hoc number of fish caught in district 321, comparing to Stat area 32150
 Counted are number of commercially caught fish by S04T

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5AAC 06.366 Ugashik District Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan

5AAC 06.320 (c) 1 To achieve biological escapement goals into the Ugashik River and to distribute the harvestable surplus of sockeye salmon to the drift and set gillnet fisheries as follows;

- (1) Drift gillnet ---- 90%
- (2) Set gillnet ---10%
- (2) (a) Stat area 321-50 25% if the set gillnet quota.