

Regarding: KRSA Proposal 103
 Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan Language [5 AAC 21.363]

This amendment supersedes language in the original proposal.

This proposal would amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to clarify priorities among various plan provisions and goals:

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| <p>1) drop in-river goals from list of escapement goals,</p> | <p><i>In-river goals are allocative in nature and the department should not be put in a position of trying to favor one allocation strategy over another without consultation of the Board.</i></p> |
| <p>2) prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and</p> | <p><i>Prioritizes lower goals over upper goals and formalizes established practice.</i></p> |
| <p>3) require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.</p> | <p><i>The department should be required to use the tools spelled out in prescriptive plans and not normally go outside plans until all tools are utilized.</i></p> |

Proposed language removed from #103 and addressed in amended #209 instead

Amended Plan Language:

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is the intent of the board that, while in most circumstances the department will adhere to the management plans in this chapter, **and utilize to the extent practicable, all prescriptive elements found in the codified plans,** no provision within a specific management plan is intended to limit the commissioner's use of emergency order authority under AS 16.05.060 to achieve established escapement goals for the management plans as the primary management objective. ~~Achieving the lower end of all escapement goals shall take priority over not exceeding the upper end of any escapement goal.~~ For the purpose of this subsection, "escapement goals" includes [INRIVER GOAL,] biological escapement goal, sustainable escapement goal, and optimal escapement goal as defined in 5 AAC 39.222.

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