

PROPOSAL 161 REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Intent:

1. Provide in-river ranges broad enough for reasonable management with existing tools.
2. Correct inconsistency between in-river and escapement goals at current levels of sport harvest above the sonar.
3. Eliminate confusion over the priority of in-river and escapement goals, and the potential for allocative in-season actions occurring outside the management plan.

Goal	Run size (millions)	Current		Revised	
		Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
SEG		700,000	1,200,000	No change	
OEG		700,000	1,400,000	No change	
In-river ^a	< 2.3	900,000	1,100,000	900,000	<u>1,500,000</u>
	2.3 – 4.6	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,000,000	<u>1,500,000</u>
	> 4.6	1,100,000	1,350,000	1,100,000	<u>1,500,000</u>

^a measured at the sonar counter

Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan Language [5 AAC 21.360]

(c) Based on preseason forecasts and inseason evaluations of the total Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon return during the fishing season, the run will be managed as follows:

(1) at run strengths of less than 2,300,000 sockeye salmon,

(A) the department shall manage for an inriver goal range of 900,000 – [1,100,000] 1,500,000 sockeye salmon past the sonar counter at river mile 19; and

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(2) at run strengths of 2,300,000 - 4,600,000 sockeye salmon,

(A) the department shall manage for an inriver goal range of 1,000,000 – [1,200,000] 1,500,000 sockeye salmon past the sonar counter at river mile 19;

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(3) at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 sockeye salmon,

(A) the department shall manage for an inriver goal range of 1,100,000 – [1,350,000] 1,500,000 sockeye salmon past the sonar counter at river mile 19;

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