

Proposed amendment to the draft Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan (Proposal 11)

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New language:

(a) ... It is the intent of this management plan to ensure biological spawning escapement requirements of king salmon into the Nushagak-Mulchatna river systems.

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(f) At such time on or after June 25, if the Department in evaluating total run of Nushagak king salmon, determines that sustained yield of king salmon is threatened by continuing harvest, the Department shall close the Nushagak sport and commercial salmon fisheries to the taking of king salmon.

Rationale:

The draft action plan does not provide direction to the Department regarding when Nushagak commercial and sport fishery closure is necessary for the protection of the sustainability of Nushagak King Salmon.

Should RC 41 be adopted as substitute language, this amendment is intended to apply to that that proposal.