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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

STAFF COMMENTS ON AGENDA CHANGE REQUESTS FOR

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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Weights and measures (metric)		General		Acronyms	
centimeter	cm	Alaska Administrative Code	AAC	Acceptable Biological Catch	ABC
deciliter	dL			Alaska Board of Fisheries	board
gram	g	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	department /ADF&G
hectare	ha				
kilogram	kg	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	Amount Necessary for Subsistence	ANS
kilometer	km			Alaska Wildlife Troopers	AWT
liter	L			Biological Escapement Goal	BEG
meter	m	at	@	Central Gulf of Alaska	CGOA
milliliter	mL			Coded Wire Tag	CWT
millimeter	mm	compass directions:			
		east	E	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission	CFEC
Weights and measures (English)		north	N		
cubic feet per second	ft³/s	south	S	Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association	CIAA
foot	ft	west	W		
gallon	gal	copyright	©	Customary and Traditional	C&T
inch	in	corporate suffixes:		Department of Natural Resources	DNR
mile	mi	Company	Co.	Demersal Shelf Rockfish	DSR
nautical mile	nmi	Corporation	Corp.	Emergency Order	EO
ounce	oz	Incorporated	Inc.	Guideline Harvest Level	GHL
pound	lb	Limited	Ltd.	Gulf of Alaska	GOA
quart	qt	District of Columbia	D.C.	Global Positioning System	GPS
yard	yd	et alii (and others)	et al.	Individual Fishing Quota	IFQ
		et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	Local Area Management Plan	LAMP
Time and temperature		exempli gratia		Lower Cook Inlet	LCI
day	d	(for example)	e.g.	Mean Low Water	MLW
degrees Celsius	°C	Federal Information Code	FIC	Mean Lower Low Water	MLLW
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	id est (that is)	i.e.	No Data	ND
degrees kelvin	K	latitude or longitude	lat or long	National Marine Fisheries Service	NMFS
hour	h	monetary symbols			
minute	min	(U.S.)	\$, ¢	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA
second	s	months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan,...,Dec	Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon	NDFL
Physics and chemistry		registered trademark	®	North Pacific Fishery Management Council	NPFMC
all atomic symbols		trademark	™	Optimum Escapement Goal	OEG
alternating current	AC	United States		Pelagic Shelf Rockfish	PSR
ampere	A	(adjective)	U.S.	Prince William Sound	PWS
calorie	cal	United States of America (noun)	USA	Prior Notice of Landing	PNOL
direct current	DC			Private Nonprofit Salmon Hatchery	PNP
hertz	Hz	U.S.C.	United States Code	River Mile	RM
horsepower	hp			Special Harvest Area	SHA
hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)	Sustainable Escapement Goal	SEG
parts per million	ppm			Trail Lakes Hatchery	TLH
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰			Upper Cook Inlet	UCI
volts	V			Western Gulf of Alaska	WGOA
watts	W				

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WHAT THE AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST SEEKS TO CHANGE: This ACR seeks to add set beach seines as an alternative gear type to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery while Kenai River late-run king salmon are in stock of concern status (SOC).

PRESENT SITUATION: The Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery is regulated under the newly adopted *Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan* (5 AAC 21.382). Two gear types are available to set gillnet permit holders under the stock of concern plan, set gillnet and dip net, with prescriptive regulations for the implementation of each gear type. Set gillnets have not been fished in the Upper Subdistrict since 2022. Commercial salmon fishing with dip nets was allowed for the first time in 2024 with low participation and mixed success depending on location and date.

Kenai River king salmon abundance remains low with the 2024 estimated escapement of 6,959 large fish failing to meet the recovery goal of 14,250–30,000 large fish. Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon preliminary sonar passage estimate of 1,926,350 fish, exceeded the inriver run goal of 1.1 million–1.4 million fish and will likely exceed the Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 750,000–1,300,000 sockeye salmon once the estimated upriver sport harvest is subtracted from the sonar estimate. The preliminary Kasilof River sockeye salmon sonar passage was 1,048,092 fish which, even considering upriver sport harvest, will exceed the sustainable escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 fish.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF THE AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST:

- a) **Is there a fishery conservation purpose or reason?** No.
- b) **Does the agenda change request correct an error in regulation?** No
- c) **Does the agenda change request address an effect of a regulation on a fishery that was unforeseen when that regulation was adopted?** Yes, when the board closed the Eastside setnet fishery until the recovery goal was achieved, the SOC management plan provided opportunity for permit holders to fish with dip nets as an alternative gear. At that meeting, the board and department encouraged the public to explore other potential methods through a commissioner's permit. Set beach seines were fished under that permit authority. The outcome of that method was unforeseen at the time of the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting and represents new information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: During the 2024 commercial salmon fishing season, three Commissioner's interim use permits were issued to test if beach seines could be a viable gear type in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet area for catching sockeye salmon and releasing king salmon. Stipulations of the permit included an observer to collect data and record incidents of king salmon catch and release. The board has not had the opportunity to hear this information and consider if the gear and methods should be a legal gear type in the Upper Subdistrict.

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