

Proposal #77-5AAC 06.369.

Togiak District Salmon Management Plan

Proposed by: Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

5AAC 06.369(b) is amended to read:

(b) The department shall manage the commercial fishing in the Togiak River section of the Togiak District for a sustainable escapement goal range of 120,000 – 270,000 [Biological Escapement goal] of 150,000 sockeye salmon past the counting tower at Togiak Lake.

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1. Support the Plan but at the same time I have heard that Fish and Game is not going to have the Togiak fish counter going in 2016 because of no money, so I believe this is a false statement in proposal #77
Because (1) They don't have a counter in place.
(2) Can we depend on aerial surveys
(3) This counter is 70 miles up river with 5 tributary rivers before the counter that fish go up and don't get counted
(4) We also know you are making the escapement goals lower by about 50,000 fish and maybe we may get to fish more time and maybe not fish at all if Fish and Game don't see enough fish in their aerial surveys.
(5) If at all the Traditional Council of Togiak can co- manage the escapement goal in the Togiak River on a government to government basis with Fish and Game.
(6) I hear BBEDC is willing to put up \$40,000.00 and still waiting on 2 other fish buying companies out of Togiak to see if they are willing to put up any money to help ADF&G so we could have our counter in place for the 2016 season which is essential for our Togiak Fishery.

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