

Proposal 65

Comments in opposition to proposal 65

Hello board members my name is Tom O'Connor I hold a seat on the Nushigak A.C. and am a setnet fisherman in the Nushagak district.

I am opposed to prop.65 I completely disagree with the author of this proposal. I think the option for fish and game to implement the 4 3/4 or smaller gear restriction in the event of a big push of small 1-2 sockeye to the Wood River is a very important tool in there tool box for managing the Nushagak dist. I would also argue that the regulation is already working. In the seasons since its implementation in 2012 it motivates fisherman planing on fishing the Nushagak district to acquire 43/4 inch or smaller gear. Fisherman have been very quick to use this gear to target large pushes of small wood river bound fish. The fisherman have in a sense beat the Dept. to the call buffering the need for the Dept. to make the call. Please keep this tool in place. I believe it to be an essential tool for keeping us fishing in the Main District by enabling us harvest the pushes of small wood river fish in the district and there by helping to keep us out of the Wood River special harvest area. Were many of us have little to no harvest potential.

Thanks Tom O'Connor