

Amended language for Proposal 68 - a compromise solution, seeks to address the problem 4 3/4 in mesh sought to solve

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5 AAC 06.367. Nushagak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan. (a) The purpose of this management plan is to establish the allocation of sockeye salmon between the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries within the Nushagak District and to establish management measures for the department to achieve the allocation.

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(1) may open, by emergency order, concurrent fishing periods and set gillnet only fishing periods at approximately two and one-half to three hours before high water, except that when a tide is greater than 18 feet, openings will begin at least three hours before high water; set and drift gillnet fishing periods may be established at different times to obtain the set and drift gillnet sockeye salmon allocations specified in (b) of this section or at other times consistent with 5 AAC 06.355;

(2) may use short open commercial fishing periods so that all user groups have the opportunity to harvest fish;

(3) may address changing conditions using publicized short notice openings.

(e) ~~If the commissioner determines it necessary for the protection of sockeye salmon, the commissioner may open, by emergency order, fishing periods in the Nushagak District during which gillnet mesh size may not exceed four and three quarters inches.~~

(e) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES IT NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NUSHAGAK RIVER SOCKEYE SALMON, THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPEN, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, FISHING PERIODS IN THE NUSHAGAK DISTRICT CONCURRENTLY WITH THE WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST AREA (WRSHA) TO ALLOW FISHERMAN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE INTO THE WRSHA TO SELECTIVELY TARGET WOOD RIVER BOUND SOCKEYE WHILE REDUCING NUSHAGAK RIVER SOCKEYE HARVEST.