

PROPOSAL 70 – 5 AAC 06.358. Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan. Modify the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan to open separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods based on achievement of gear allocation instead of a fixed seasonal fishing period ratio, as follows:

5 AAC 06.358 (d) Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan is amended to read:

(4) except as specified in (5) of this subsection, when the Wood River Special Harvest Area is open, the drift gillnet and set and set gillnet fisheries will open separately, **for the gear group that is behind in the allocation specified in 5 AAC 06.367(b) for the Nushagak District. [WITH A SEASONAL RATIO OF THREE DRIFT GILLNET GEAR FISHING PERIODS TO EVERY ONE SET GILLNET FISHING PERIOD;]**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove any mention of a "seasonal ratio" of 3:1 drift to set gillnet fishing periods in the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan (SSSHA). The use of the SSSHA should remain consistent under all circumstances, used as a tool for the management to avoid over-escapement into the Wood River; allowing for opportunity to harvest a surplus of fish; ensure that the allocation plan between both gear types (drift and set gillnet) dictates which gear type is allowed to fish in the SSSHA.

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