

PROPOSAL 56 – 5 AAC 06.XXX. Alagnak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Create an inriver Alagnak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan, as follows:

Possible (Suggested) Management Scenario:

Prior to allocation period no fishing allowed. During the allocation period June 20 to July 17 and only after escapement has been achieved for the Alagnak River then open the river 1/4 mile above the mouth for a distance 1 mile up river to commercial fishing for both set and drift net fishing. An Alagnak in river fishery to be managed in keeping with the management guidelines established for other rivers in the Bristol Bay Region.

After the allocation period, (currently July 17) open the Alagnak River for commercial harvest on an every other day basis. For example: 24 hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. In every case, both during and after the allocation period, the actual days to be fished and timing of the fishery will be subject to daily decisions of the local management biologist.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Manage the Alagnak River Fishery to increase economic recovery of harvestable salmon.

The Alagnak River has from time to time produced salmon in excess of the required escapement and over escapement has occurred. This over escapement could be harvested by permitted drift and set net fishers for the economic wellbeing of the industry.

Levelock Village Council is developing a village owned fish processing facility that would purchase fish from fishers on the Alagnak River. The Levelock plant will be operated with a local hire policy and an employee recruitment plan that will extend all .of the villages along the Kvichak and Lake Iliamna watershed. The plant will bring increased economic activity to area and in doing so help the surrounding economies. The facility will provide residents with opportunities for increased employment as well as allowing for the development processing technical and business management skills. A fishery on the Alagnak River after the allocation period would provide a source of fish that the Levelock Plant could compete for that would benefit the local economy after the main season has passed and into the late summer

The fishery will be open to all permitted fishers. There will be no exclusivity for purchasing or processing, any licensed processor will be able to purchase fish.

PROPOSED BY: Levelock Village Council (HQ-F15-061)

PROPOSAL 57 – 5 AAC 06.XXX. Kvichak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Create an inriver Kvichak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan, as follows:

Possible (Suggested) Management Scenario:

Prior to allocation period no fishing allowed. During the allocation period June 20 to July 17 no in river fishing allowed. After the allocation period extend the Kvichak upper fishing limit line to a point 15 miles up the river to commercial fishing for both set and drift net fishing. Manage the Kvichak River for commercial harvest on an every other day basis. For example: 24 hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. In every case the actual days to be fished and timing of the fishery will be subject to daily decisions of the local management biologist.

The fishery will be open to all permitted fishers. There will be no exclusivity; any licensed processor will be able to purchase fish.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Manage the Kvichak River Fishery to increase economic recovery of harvestable salmon.

After the allocation period there are fish in the Kvichak River that could be harvested to benefit the economic wellbeing of the industry. By managing a fishery in the Kvichak River after the allocation period (currently July 17) fish could be harvested which would contribute to the economic wellbeing of the industry or the region as a whole.

Levelock Village Council is developing a village owned fish processing facility that would purchase fish from fishers on the Kvichak River. The Levelock plant will be operated with a local hire policy and an employee recruitment plan that will extend all of the villages along the Kvichak and Lake Iliamna watershed. The plant will bring increased economic activity to the area and in doing so help the surrounding economies. The facility will provide residents with opportunities for increased employment as well as allowing for the development processing technical and business management skills. A fishery on the Alagnak River after the allocation period would provide a source of fish that the Levelock Plant could complete for that would benefit the local economy after the main season has passed and into the later summer.

The fishery will be open to all permitted fishers. There will be no exclusivity for purchasing or processing, any licensed processor will be able to purchase fish.

PROPOSED BY: Levelock Village Council (HQ-F15-062)

PROPOSAL 58 – 5 AAC 06.200. Fishing districts and sections. Expand the boundaries of the Naknek Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows:

Move the Naknek section boundary line out to allow more area in the Naknek section of the Naknek/ Kvichak District. Approximately 1/4 – 1/3 mile on the upper-end at Libbyville and approximately 1/2 mile on the lower Johnston Hill line.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The boundary line in the Naknek/Kvichak District that separates the Naknek District from the Kvichak District. The Naknek Section of the Naknek/Kvichak District is small and over crowded with allocation and in-river fishing in the Naknek River if the projected forecast for the Kvichak is below a 2.6 million return.

The Naknek section should be enlarged. At the boundary line at Libbyville, move the line about 1/4 – 1/3 mile out. At the lower boundary move that point where it intersects the Johnston Hill Line over about 1/2 mile. The problem with the lower line is when you set your net on the incoming tide at the outside corner, the current takes you over the boundary line and then back inside about the middle of where the ships anchor. On the upper end, the current takes you over the line a couple of miles before you get up to the upper corner boundary. By moving the line over it should allow a drift from the lower corner up to the ships without the current taking a drifting net over the line and allow for more time on the upper end.

PROPOSED BY: Randolph Alvarez (EF-C15-027)

PROPOSAL 59 – 5 AAC 06.350. Closed waters. Revise boundaries of closed waters at Graveyard Point in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows:

Change the GPS numbers on the east (Graveyard Point) side of the river.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Our setnet site (which we have owned since 1954) is now out of the district.

PROPOSED BY: The Entire and Extended Armstrong Clan (HQ-F15-064)

PROPOSAL 60 – 5 AAC 06.XXX. Graveyard Creek Special Harvest Area Management Plan. Create a special harvest area in the Graveyard Creek area, as follows:

We request the Board of Fisheries to create a special harvest area or something similar to allow certain right(s) to be protected and preserved or simply restore our right to fish. We request this be done via grandfathered rights or creating special provisions created for cases similar in nature.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Bristol Bay

The issue pertains to the permitted use of set net fishing inside of Graveyard Creek located in the Naknek, Kvichak River section which we are no longer allowed to fish. This event occurred over an extended period of days prior to the start of our season, after hiring and spending thousands of dollars to land ready to fish. After much agonizing and delay we accepted our fate and this was the end result made final by Alaska State Troopers. The threat of a criminal violation being issued by troopers or the seizure of our boat(s) and equipment left us devastated causing our entire family an extreme hardship.

That hardship has been ongoing and continues still. Our family has been negatively impacted and our right(s) affected. This area has been aggressively fished for decades by our entire family each and every period for years in the same historical places. Any data or science would have always included this area being fished. It has always been fished. The unique circumstances involve a complex variety of issues to consider so it is unlikely this issue will be easily resolved by the Board. However, we are optimistic. Our family's primary concern now pertains to our right(s) as fisherman and those rights should be protected. This should be reasonably acknowledged by anyone after being presented the facts surrounding our family's history with Graveyard Creek. The unforeseen actions taken by troopers without explanation or just cause have been damaging. Where did this decisive action begin and why? We have no answers and our rights to fish should be grandfathered or restored. We have fished this area specifically uncontested and free of any violations for our entire life now 3 generations later.

PROPOSED BY: Agostino Grossi (EF-C15-136)

PROPOSAL 61 – 5 AAC 06.335. Minimum distance between units of gear. Increase the minimum distance drift gillnet operations must maintain from a set gillnet operation in the Nushagak District, as follows:

5 AAC 06.335 (b) Minimum distance between units of gear is amended to read:

No part of a drift gillnet may be operated within 300 feet of the side of a set gillnet and within 100 feet of the offshore end of a set gillnet. [THE 100-FOOT RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY SEAWARD OF THE OFFSHORE SETNET DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS SET OUT IN 5 AAC 06.331 (M) AND (N).]

-OR-

(e) In the Nushagak District, from the cannery dock at Clark's Point to an ADF&G regulatory marker at First Creek, no part of a drift net (including a drift gillnet vessel while operating fishing gear) may be within 100 feet of the offshore end of a set gillnet anchoring device, or outermost marker buoy.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal will help to ensure that drift gillnetters respect the set gillnetters who are fishing at their Shore Fishery Lease held with the state. Too often drifters wind up entangled in set net gear, leading to loss in opportunity to fish; loss of production; anchors, screw anchors, buoys, nets and lines getting