

King Salmon Management Plans (2 proposals)

**This proposal will be heard at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings, and deliberated at the UCI meeting.*

PROPOSAL 37

5 AAC 18.XXX. New section.

Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries, as follows:

Solution:

During low king salmon abundance Kodiak commercial fisheries in and Cook Inlet will be managed under a single comprehensive king salmon conservation plan which functions to conserve kings in both locations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We need paired king salmon retention restrictions for Cook Inlet and Kodiak island commercial fisheries. Cook Inlet is experiencing or projected to experience king salmon retention restrictions. The ADF&G is currently attempting to manage Cook Inlet king salmon as if they are not the same kings migrating past Kodiak Island. This mismanagement has resulted in Kodiak area commercial fisheries retaining kings while Cook Inlet fisheries are not able to retain kings. This is illogical fisheries management with Cook Inlet attempting to preserve what Kodiak is slaughtering. When Cook Inlet kings are less abundant Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries should be jointly managed to conserve kings. Currently Kodiak commercial gill nets activate within the first week of June while Cook Inlet fisheries are closed to king retention during low king abundance. These fisheries should be jointly managed to conserve kings during low king abundance.

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PROPOSAL 38

5 AAC 21.XXX. New section.

Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries, as follows:

During low king salmon abundance commercial fisheries in Lower Cook Inlet and Upper Cook Inlet will be managed under a single comprehensive king salmon conservation plan which functions to conserve kings in both locations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We need paired king salmon retention restrictions for Lower Cook Inlet, LCI and Upper Cook Inlet, UCI when UCI is experiencing or projected to experience king salmon no retention restrictions. The adfg is currently attempting to manage UCI and LCI king salmon like they are different king runs when they are in fact the same kings. This mismanagement has resulted in some areas being open for king retention while others are closed, when both areas are fishing the same kings. When Cook Inlet kings are

less abundant, both UCI and LCI should be managed together to conserve kings and not with area specific retention.

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