

New Language for proposal 81.

RC 182

Upper Cook Inlet Spawning Bed Conservation Management Plan

The State of Alaska adopts the goal of creating spawning bed sanctuary to an extent that is reasonably calculated to ensure optimal sustainable yield of salmon for Upper Cook Inlet.

Under this provision, the Commissioner has the duty to set temporary conservation areas as necessary to protect individual spawning areas that are imperiled. However, a spawning bed conservation area may become permanent only through action of the Board of Fish or the legislature.

Purpose:

- 1) to protect individual spawning bed areas from overfishing and depletion.
- 2) to protect spawning populations of salmon from human harassment when salmon are no longer valuable for human consumption.
- 3) to balance conservation of spawning beds with public access for food, livelihoods, and enjoyment.
- 4) to protect and maintain the environmental integrity of spawning bed areas.

Followed by descriptions of permanently protected areas:

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