

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of the Board of Fisheries

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Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 131

5 AAC 05.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 AAC 05.360. Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the department will manage the king salmon subsistence fishery in Districts 1–6 during the first pulse of the historical three distinctive pulses of king salmon that enter the Yukon River drainage, as follows:

(1) in Districts 1 and 2, to account for the uncertainty in the preseason king salmon run projection, the department shall manage the king salmon subsistence fishery conservatively and not open any subsistence fishing periods during the first pulse of king salmon entering the districts;

(2) in Districts 3–6,

(A) if inseason run assessment information indicates insufficient abundance of king salmon to meet escapement objectives on specific components of the run and subsistence harvest needs, the department will not open any subsistence fishing periods during the first pulse implemented chronologically in the applicable district, consistent with migratory timing as the king salmon run progresses upstream;

(B) if inseason run assessment information indicates sufficient abundance of king salmon to meet escapement objectives on specific components of the run and subsistence harvests needs, subsistence fishing will revert to the fishing periods as specified in (d) of this section.