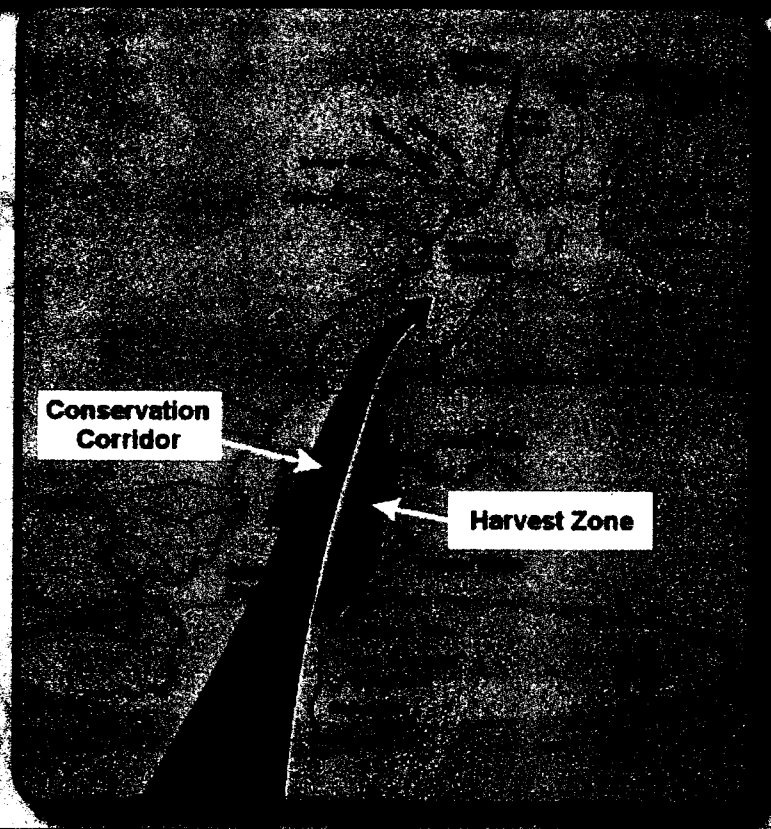


The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission has identified the following strategies for addressing Northern Cook Inlet salmon concerns:

Fishery Management

- 1—Revise fishery management plans to formally recognize a priority that meeting low end escapement of any and all species has much higher priority than avoiding exceeding the high end for any species in this drainage. This will ensure that northern returns of coho and sockeye, and harvest allocations, are managed on an equal footing with the productive Kenai and Kasilof sockeye stocks.
- 2—Establish discrete harvest zones for mixed stock commercial fisheries in order to focus on the abundant and valuable Kenai and Kasilof sockeye stocks. Restructure UCI commercial fishery to be more similar to Bristol Bay commercial fishery – the most successful salmon fishery in the world.



- 3—Provide a conservation corridor for northern salmon passage by restricting the Central District drift gillnet commercial fishery to the terminal harvest zones established by the Board of Fisheries in 2011 (expanded Kenai and Kasilof sections). Subsequent use demonstrated the promise of this approach for efficiently harvesting large numbers of Kenai and Kasilof sockeye, while also reducing harvest of northern sockeye and especially coho. 2013 was the first time the conservation corridor concept was applied in its totality. Results aren't yet conclusive. There was a bigger run, and more fish did manage to go north.

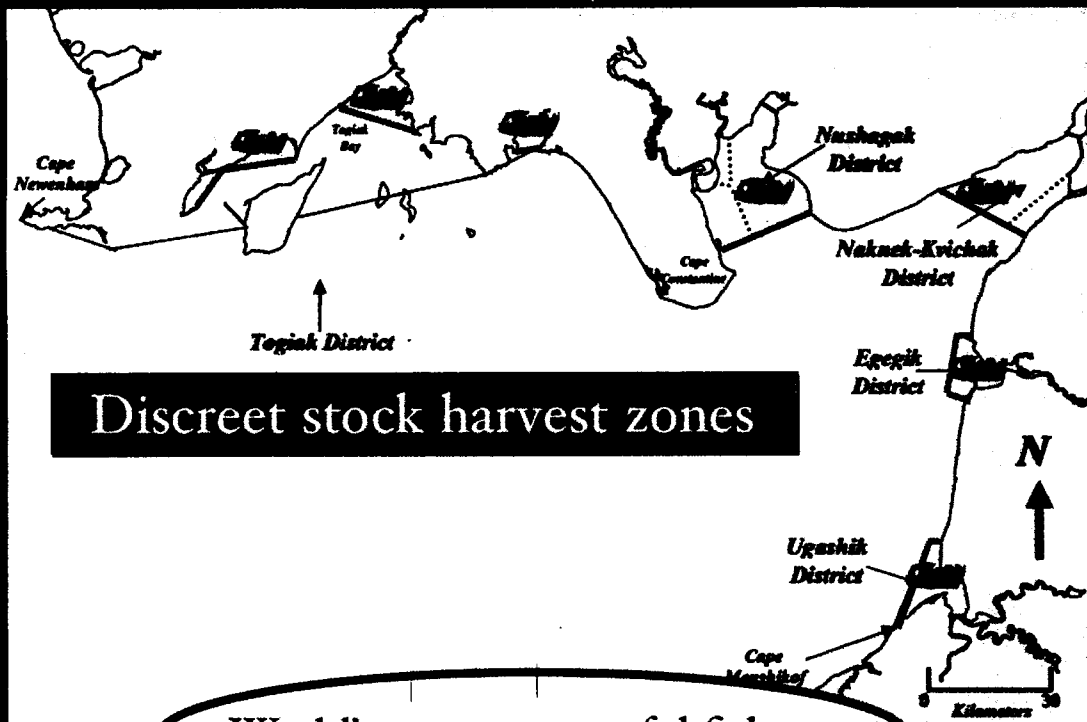
Recommendations

4—The Bristol Bay sockeye fishery is the world's most successful salmon fishery and uses discreet harvest zones to manage the catch.

Cook Inlet needs to copy this approach to salmon fisheries management

Bristol Bay Fisheries

Commercial fishery subdistricts



World's most successful fishery

5—Protect personal use and subsistence fishing opportunities. Literally tens of thousands of Alaskans fill their freezers and smokers with these fish and rely upon them for their dinner table.

6—Maintain fishery windows and increase in-river goals for Kenai sockeye to ensure adequate delivery of fish through east side set net commercial fisheries and meet the needs of the Kenai personal use sockeye fishery.