

The Purpose of Proposal 135.

RC 177

The Problem - the current prescriptive drift management plan with mandatory restrictions is dysfunctional

- **It is based on aged/historic data collected in the 1980s.** Better run timing and genetic information is available from data collected by ADF&G in the past few years.
- **Current restrictions have increased the drift harvest of Susitna sockeye over the past 5 years.**
 - From 2008-2013 the median drift harvest of Susitna sockeye was 26% higher than the previous five years (ADF&G data).
 - In 2011 the drift fleet's harvest of Susitna sockeye was higher as a percentage in the corridor than in full inlet openings (ADF&G data).
- **It compresses escapement.**
 - In 2013 UCI sockeye salmon had "one of the most compressed, if not the most compressed runs in UCI history." (ADF&G 2013 UCI Commercial Salmon Season Summary)
 - It is ADF&G policy to spread the escapement throughout the run (SSFP).
- **It compresses harvest** reducing product quality and value.

The Solution -

- **Mondays and Thursdays in July**
should be regular, 12 hour periods.

Hours per week of regular period fishing time referenced in Proposal 135



July 2013 – Managed with current regulation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Regular 12 hour Period	2	3	4 Regular 12 hour Period	5	6 EO Narrow Corridor Kasilof Section
7	8 Regular 12 hour Period	9	10	11 Restricted to Expanded Corridor	12	13 EO Expanded Corridor
14	15 Restricted To Area 1/ Narrow Corridor	16	17 EO Expanded Corridor	18 Restricted to Area 1	19 EO Expanded Corridor	20 EO Expanded Corridor
21 EO Expanded Corridor	22 Restricted to Area 1	23 EO Expanded Corridor	24 EO Expanded Corridor	25 Restricted To Area 1/ Expanded Corridor	26 EO Expanded Corridor	27 EO Expanded Corridor
28 EO Expanded Corridor	29 Restricted To Area 1/ Expanded Corridor	30 EO Expanded Corridor	31			

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July 2014 – As per current regulation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Regular 12 hour Period	4	5
6	7 Regular 12 hour Period	8	9	10 Restricted 12 hour Period	11	12
13	14 Restricted 12 hour Period	15	16	17 Usually Restricted	18	19
20	21 Regular Or Restricted	22	23	24 Regular Or Restricted	25	26
27	28 Regular Or Restricted	29	30	31 Regular Or Restricted		

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July 2014 - As described in Proposal 135

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6	7 Regular 12 hour Period	8	9	10 Regular 12 hour Period	11	12
13	14 Regular 12 hour Period	15	16	17 Regular 12 hour Period	18	19
20	21 Regular 12 hour Period	22	23	24 Regular 12 hour Period	25	26
27	28 Regular 12 hour Period	29	30	31 Regular 12 hour Period		

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As described in Proposal 135

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Regular 12 hour Period	3	4
5	6 Regular 12 hour Period	7	8	9 Regular 12 hour Period	10	11
12	13 Regular 12 hour Period	14	15	16 Regular 12 hour Period	17	18
19	20 Regular 12 hour Period	21	22	23 Regular 12 hour Period	24	25
26	27 Regular 12 hour Period	28	29	30 Regular 12 hour Period	31	

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Regular 12 hour Period	5	6	7 Regular 12 hour Period	8	9
10	11 Regular 12 hour Period	12	13	14 Regular 12 hour Period	15	16
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