

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

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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