

PROPOSAL 107 – 5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan.
Close the Yukon River summer chum salmon commercial fishery to protect king salmon, as follows:

5 AAC 05.362 is amended to read:

No commercial openings on summer chum run in Yukon River as a means of protecting king run.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At issue here the Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee felt that while they support reasonable and sustainable commercial harvests they felt that management was unable to say no to the extreme pressures by commercial interests to have summer chum commercial openings and protect king salmon at the same time. Corruption of the pulse protection principle to not protect the last main pulses of king salmon in order to allow commercial chum fishing sooner is an example. Members also pointed out regulations passed (fish wheel live box use) and management bowing to pressure to consider things such as drift seining and Board of Fisheries passing of beach seining and live box fishing for summer chum while releasing kings caught in same gear.

Basically members felt that until time can be found to deal properly with these issues the best move would be to stop all commercial summer chum fishing.

PROPOSED BY: Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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