

**PROPOSAL 219 – 5 AAC 06.368. Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan.**  
Address allocation impacts that may come from potential changes in escapement goals and trigger points in the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan, as follows:

The Nushagak AC is aware that ADFG has submitted a proposal to change the trigger points and escapement goals from point estimates to ranges to be consistent with their current salmon management policies. While the Department's proposal seeks to remain neutral with regard to allocation, the changes may have allocative implications. In addition, with current escapement levels observed for Nushagak coho and pink salmon, portions of Section C 1 may warrant changes. It is the desire of the Nushagak AC with this proposal, to make all user groups aware of the potential for change. The original plan was the result of many hours of work of a large committee representing all user groups. The Nushagak AC did not have the time to assemble a similar committee. Out of respect for the original work, the AC was reluctant to make specific recommendations on short notice and without sufficient consultation.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Address the potential allocative impacts to the Nushagak Coho Salmon Management Plan precipitated by the new escapement goal ranges for Nushagak coho and pink salmon recently recommended by ADFG. Specifically, section C 1 of the Plan is complicated and portions may be rendered moot or difficult to implement with the new escapement goal ranges. Additionally Nushagak coho runs seem to have increased from the levels recorded when the Plan was originally adopted. The very high pink salmon goals established in the original plan were adopted to assure adequate coho salmon escapement.

**PROPOSED BY:** Nushagak Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F15-070)  
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