

**PROPOSAL 59 - 5 AAC 18.361. Alitak District Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 18.362. Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan.** Implement a mandatory minimum commercial salmon fishery closure of 63 consecutive hours during every 7-day period in both the Westside and Alitak districts, as follows:

I recommend that there shall be mandatory "Pulse Fishing" in known migratory pathways. The management tool of "extended until further notice" shall no longer be used in Mixed Stock Fisheries. Pulse fishing is a "Precautionary Approach" that ensures the health and future Sockeye returns.

There shall be a minimum closure of 63 consecutive hours in every 7-day period for both the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan and the Alitak District Salmon Management Plan.

Terminal harvest areas shall be allowed to fish "extended until further notice" as needed, if the harvest has a limited amount of non-target stock interception.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The burden of conservation of Alitak bound Sockeye is placed solely on the end user group (Alitak District). The known Sockeye migratory pathway along the North West and South West coast of Kodiak Island has no conservation measures within its Management Plan for Alitak Sockeye. The Westside District Management Plan has included Olga Bay systems in there harvest strategy but has not included a conservation strategy. 5 ACC 18.362(b)

All users groups of Alitak bound Sockeye should have to reduce fishing time for the health and conservation of the fish that they are harvesting.

-Use all information and supporting data about the Alitak Sockeye Migratory pathway, including recent DNA sample results, past tagging studies from the 1950's and 1981.

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