

Recommendations adopted by the Salmon Harvest Task Force, Fall 2023:

- 1) To use the commercial fleet for reliable Copper River coho harvest data collection in place of unreliable aerial surveys and offering consistent, 24-hour or 36-hour commercial openers twice per week.
- 2) To open the inside waters at the Copper River flats for commercial fishing beginning with the first opener in May, recognizing that inside closure areas have achieved their purpose and king escapement numbers have achieved their goals.
- 3) For the Esther subdistrict chum fishery to be open earlier and consistently, and allow sockeye headed for Coghill to be harvested.
- 4) To rescind the inside closure area for subsistence fishing on the Copper River flats.
- 5) To increase the number of escapement enumeration projects for coho data collection on the Copper River and the delta.
- 6) For PWSAC to limit their recommendations to ADFG to the subdistricts outlined in the hatchery management plan regulations.
- 7) For PWSAC to present and use most recent data to support any recommendations put forth to ADFG: including fleet harvest, female percentages, odolith contributions, harvests by statistics area, run timing curves, estimates of run entry, and amount of fish in hatchery subdistricts to include more than just the THA and SHA.
- 8) For PWSAC to hire a spotter pilot to help them determine run entry and estimate fish in hatchery subdistricts.
- 9) For ADFG to capture average weights for salmon harvested, instead of tender operators.
- 10) For PWSAC to make its recommendations public.