

Mixed Stock Salmon Policy (5AAC 30.220)

(b) In the absence of a regulatory management plan that otherwise allocates or restricts harvest, and when it is necessary to restrict fisheries on stocks where there are known conservation problems, **the burden of conservation shall be shared among all fisheries in close proportion to their respective harvest on the stock of concern.** The board recognized that precise sharing of conservation among fisheries is dependent on the amount of stock-specific information available.

(c) **The board's preference in assigning conservation burdens in mixed stock fisheries is through the application of specific fishery management plans set out in the regulations. A management plan incorporates conservation burden and allocation of harvest opportunity.**

The language highlighted under (b) and (c) makes it pretty clear that Area M needs further restrictions on their fishing time in June. If the burden of conservation is supposed to be shared in “close proportion” to their “respective harvest on the stock of concern,” then **Area M, as the predominant harvester of AYK chums** (no matter what that percentage may be), **must bear a greater burden of conservation than anyone else.**