

PROPOSAL 199 — **5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.** Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon, as follows:

5 AAC 65.020(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) other salmon, **20 inches or greater in length**, 5 per day, **10** [5] in possession; **less than 20 inches in length, 10 per day; 10 in possession.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? General regulations for bag and possession limits of any-sized salmon other than king salmon in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area (APAIA) are unnecessarily restrictive and inconsistent with general sport regulations in the adjacent Kodiak Remote Zone (Kodiak Area). Overall angler effort levels in APAIA are among the lowest in the state and currently there is no conservation concern due to sport fishing for stocks where general bag and possession limits apply. Most APAIA fishing locations are remotely located. Increasing the possession limit from 5 to 10 fish for salmon 20 inches or greater in length other than king salmon will allow anglers at remote locations to retain two bag limits prior to processing their catch. Establishing a freshwater bag limit of 10 salmon less than 20 inches in length will increase opportunity for anglers to harvest male ‘jack’ salmon, from both natural and enhanced populations of landlocked salmon. Increasing the possession limit to 10 salmon and establishing a bag limit of 10 fish less than 20 inches in length will also align general regulations for APAIA with those currently in place for the remainder of the Kodiak Area.

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