

PROPOSAL 30 - 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, as follows:

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, there are large numbers of King Salmon under 20" that never get harvested, because they count towards your daily bag limit of 2 King Salmon. Even though these King Salmon under 20" are in salt water, they are part of the terminal King Salmon fishery at the lagoon, and will not grow any larger, nearing the end of their life cycle. Catching these King Salmon under 20" is especially fun for kids, which is a big reason why the fishing lagoon was created. If nothing in changed, large numbers of King salmon under 20" will continue to go to waste.

On our local rivers, the limit for King Salmon under 20" is 10 per day, and they do not count towards your daily bag limit of King Salmon over 20". Standardizing the daily bag limit for King Salmon under 20" between our local rivers the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon will also eliminate much confusion between fishermen on this issue.

PROPOSED BY: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-F16-117)
