

PROPOSAL 1

5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan.

Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point, as follows:

5 AAC 58.055 is amended to read:

(b) The Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Area consists of all salt waters [FROM APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE] north of [THE NINILCHIK RIVER MOUTH (60° 03.00' N. LAT.) EXTENDING SOUTH TO] the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? During the summer in Upper Cook Inlet north of Bluff Point, there are two areas with differing sport fishing regulations. The first area includes the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan area from the latitude of Bluff Point north to the latitude one mile north of the Ninilchik River and the second area is all remaining salt waters north. This proposal seeks to simplify regulations by including all salt waters north of Bluff Point into the plan. This change would not result in any significant effect to anglers. Effort in salt waters north of the one mile north of the Ninilchik River latitude is unknown but assumed low.

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