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5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day, as follows:

No catch and release salmon fishing on the upper Kenai River from its mouth at Skilak Lake, upstream to the bait line above the Sterling Hwy bridge at Kenai Lake, including the entire Russian river drainage, after the daily combined bag limit of salmon has been reached.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Upper Kenai River drainage has become an overcrowded salmon fishery. In addition, the salmon stocks in the Upper Kenai drainage have experienced a steady decline. Catch and release salmon fishing after a bag limit has been reached can deny other anglers' opportunity.

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