

**PROPOSAL 158**

**5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present, as follows:

**KENAI RIVER / Guided Fishing on the Kenai River**

Guides may not sports fish while a client is present or within the guides control or responsibility, unless the guide is providing assistance to a client with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Guides may give instruction or demonstrate method of angling for the species of fish, any fish hooked during the instruction or demonstration must be immediately released.

The maximum number of fishing rods operated may not exceed the number of clients.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River. I would like to eliminate "from a guide vessel". Guides currently sport fish from shore while they have clients with them. Guides hook fish and hand the rod off to clients to fight the fish while the guide gets a net to land the fish. The fish is then counted toward the client's daily bag limit. The law currently states that the person who hooks the fish is the one whose limit the fish should be counted against, regardless of who actually lands the fish.

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