

**PROPOSAL 159**

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

Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July, as follows:

Allow 5 anglers to fish from a guide vessel on the Kenai River in July.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Families, & groups not being allowed to fish together on a guide boat in July. Not allowing groups of 5 to fish together in 1 vessel in July only results in the groups being separated into 2 boats and being mixed in with strangers, instead of being able to fish together as a family or a single group. the current regulation does not accomplish anything, changing this regulation does not increase angler effort, and will also reduce boat congestion since only one boat will be needed compared to 2 boats.

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