

PROPOSAL 47

5 AAC 64.051. Waters closed to sportfishing in the Kodiak Area.

Modify the area closed to sport fishing in the Monashka Creek drainage, as follows:

5 AAC 64.051 is amended to read:

In addition to those waters closed as specified in 5 AAC 64.022(b), the following waters are closed to all sport fishing in the Kodiak Area, as follows:

(1) from January 1 – December 31, that portion of the [MONASHKA CREEK DRAINAGE AND] Pillar Creek drainage [S] upstream from the Monashka Highway;

(5) from January 1 – December 31, that portion of the Monashka Creek drainage upstream of the ADF&G regulatory markers approximately 50 yards upstream of the Monashka Highway;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Monashka Creek drainage was previously used as a brood source for the Kodiak Road Zone king salmon stocking project. King salmon stocking of this drainage has been discontinued due to poor returns in Monashka Creek and development of alternate brood sources for the project. Monashka Creek has more recently been stocked with coho salmon and returns of anadromous coho salmon have been excellent, to the point that Monashka Creek is one of the most popular coho salmon fisheries in the Kodiak Road Zone. Closure of the drainage to sport fishing above the Monashka Highway served to protect king salmon brood stock for use in annual egg-takes. This proposal would create a regulatory closure approximately 50 yds above the Monashka Highway but would allow anglers access to virtually all of the fishable waters of Monashka Creek. It will also reduce the illegal take of coho salmon from closed waters and spread out fishing effort in the very small intertidal waters of Monashka Creek below the Monashka Highway.

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