

PROPOSAL 145

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. and 5 AAC 47.022. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:

5 AAC 47.020:

. . . the following are the general provisions for the seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits that apply to sport fishing for finfish and shellfish in the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area:

(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 - December 31; must be 28 inches or greater in length; the commissioner shall establish bag, possession, and annual limits, by emergency order, as specified in 5 AAC 47.055; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;

(2) Coho salmon: may be taken from January 1–December 31 as follows:

(A) resident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish

(B) nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

(3) sockeye salmon: may be taken from January 1 - December 31 as follows:

(A) resident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish

(B) nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

(4) salmon, **other than king salmon, coho salmon, and sockeye salmon**: may be taken from January 1 - December 31; no annual limit; no size limit; bag and possession limits, as follows:

(A) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish per species; possession limit of 12 fish per species;

5 AAC 47.022:

... this section contains the general provisions for the seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the fresh waters in Southeast Alaska Area.

(b) In the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather:

(1) king salmon: sport fishing for king salmon is closed;

(2) coho salmon: may be taken from January 1 –December 31 as follows:

(A) resident:

(i) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish;

(ii) Less than 16 inches in length: bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;

(B) nonresident:

(i) bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

(3) sockeye salmon: may be taken from January 1-December 31 as follows:

(A) resident:

(i) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish;

(ii) Less than 16 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;

(B) nonresident: bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

(4) salmon, other than king, coho, and sockeye salmon: may be taken from January 1-December 31; no annual limit, no size limit; bag and possession limits, as follows:

(A) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish per species; possession limit of 12 fish per species;

(B) less than 16 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Council recognizes that coho and sockeye salmon are the primary species targeted by subsistence users. Under the current general regulations, non-resident sport fisherman may take six coho and sockeye salmon per day, every day of the season. In contrast, an entire household of subsistence users typically may only harvest an annual limit of 20-50 fish from each of a limited number of sites. The proposed changes would put a ceiling on the annual harvest of each species by non-residents that is roughly comparable to the limits placed on subsistence households. The Council believes that the proposed limits on non-resident harvest are adequate to allow ample sport fishing opportunity for visitors, while preventing excessive non-resident sport harvest of species important to subsistence users.

PROPOSED BY: Southeast Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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