

PROPOSAL 84

5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. and 5 AAC 29.060. Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area.

Amend the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows:

This can be accomplished in several ways, as follows:

1. Direct the department to manage the nonresident fishery so it does not prematurely take the king salmon quota.
2. Require daily electronic catch reporting from guides and lodges.
3. Step down the catch limits or days fished by nonresidents after June 15th so that the resident fishery is not prematurely closed by management error in regulating the nonresident fishery. For example, during the last two weeks of June, the nonresident seasonal limit could be reduced to one or two fish instead of three. Alternatively or additionally, a one or two days per week closure could be imposed similar to the way the North Pacific Fishery Management Council regulates guided halibut fishing in some areas. This might slow down the rampant nonresident catch enough to preserve the resident fishery in July, August and September.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan provides that regulatory restrictions on residents be minimized and disruptions to fishing be avoided. This proposal seeks to regulate the resident king salmon fishery so that it never closes for allocation purposes within the sport quota, and regulates the nonresident fishery so that the treaty quota is not fully taken.

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