

PROPOSAL 24

5 ACC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage, as follows:

We recommend dropping the proposed bag limit down to two King Salmon per season, one King Salmon over 28 inches and one King Salmon under 28 inches. Only male fish may be retained. The current reg allows for an annual bag limit of 5 king salmon.

The new regulation should read as follows:

(1) king salmon: (A) in fresh waters, as follows: (i) 20 inches or greater in length; may be taken only from May 1 through July 31; bag and possession limit of **two** [THREE] fish, of which only one fish may be 28 inches or greater in length; annual limit of **two** [FIVE] fish 20 inches or greater in length taken in combination from fresh waters and salt waters; only male fish may be retained; a harvest record is required as specified in **5 AAC 75.006**;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to the urgent and continual decline of King Salmon in the Naknek River Drainage, we propose to adopt a reduced King Salmon bag limit. The current regulation allows for 5 kings to be taken annually; a number that is way too high considering our extremely low returns. Dropping the bag limit and allowing only males to be retained will help safeguard a species that is in dire need of protection.

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