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5 AAC 06.377. Reporting requirements.

Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets, as follows:

Addendum to 5 AAC 06.377

(c) Each processor shall report to ADF&G, after the season, the number of chinook purchased for the three size classes consistent with other chinook size regulations: under 20 inches, 20-28 inches, and over 28 inches.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Inconsistent recording of chinook across user groups, results in gaps in data for future consideration for chinook management. Additional recording should start be recorded.

All chinook are treated as a number for commercial and subsistence users, but sports fish users have three categories for chinook. Jack kings are a high percent of the commercial catch and gear is optimized for harvest of sockeye and subsequently for the size of jack kings less than 20", approximately 4 pounds (similar average on many years to sockeye). Jack kings are approximately 90% male and are of less biological significance for future returns. Sports fish licensees are currently allowed to catch and keep 10 chinook under 20" per day, and 10 in possession. This illustrates the different value placed on size classes of chinook and data in the commercial fishery should be consistently collected for future use.

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