

**PROPOSAL 146**

**5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

Align the Kenai River Drainage Area method and means provisions with the season dates for Kenai River king salmon as follows:

5 AAC 57.120(2)(A) is amended to read:

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(a)(2)(A)(iv) from January 1 — [July 14] **July 31**, a person may not possess a king salmon that has been filleted, headed, mutilated, or otherwise disfigured in a manner that prevents determination of the length of fish taken until the fish is permanently offloaded from a vessel if the fish was taken from a vessel or permanently transported away from the fishing site if the fish was taken from the riverbank; for the purposes of this sub-subparagraph, “fishing site” means the riverbank where the fish was hooked and removed from the water becoming part of the angler’s bag limit

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The dates prohibiting anglers from filleting, removing heads, or mutilating king salmon that prevents the determination of length before permanently offloading from a vessel (if taken by vessel) or permanently transported away from a fishing site do not align with the king salmon season end date (July 31) for the Kenai River Drainage Area.

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