

PROPOSAL 147

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

Modify the Kenai River king salmon annual limit as follows:

Reduce the annual bag limit of Kenai River King Salmon greater than 34 inches to ONE per year whenever their retention is permitted.

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(b) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for

(1) king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing **of which only one fish may be greater than 34 inches**, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kenai River is experiencing a prolonged period of diminished productivity and is a candidate for Stock of Management Concern. This proposal seeks to reduce the exploitation of LARGE Kenai River King Salmon which are essential for stock recovery.

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