

PROPOSAL 173

5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan

Modify regulations for the Kenai River August coho salmon fishery as follows:

If king salmon season falls under one of the following categories at the end of July 31st then the following actions will take place in during August.

King salmon fishing is open and retention is allowed, then bait will open August 1st.

If king salmon fishing is open to catch and release then the following actions will take place. Bait will be restricted till August 7th below the Soldotna bridge with a single hook and only fished from an anchored boat or from shore.

Additionally, bait will be restricted till August 15th above the Soldotna bridge with a single hook and only fished from an anchored boat or from shore.

If King salmon fishing is closed then the following action is to restrict bait till August 15th from Skilak Lake down to Warren Ames bridge with a single hook and may only be fished from an anchored boat or from shore.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This is to help protect any late returning Kenai Kings as well as any spawning happening late in the season. We would help accomplish this by changing the king management plan to have a more reliable and predictable use of bait during August Coho fishery.

PROPOSED BY: Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F23-100)
