

PROPOSAL 9

5 AAC 58.060. Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.

Review management options in the *Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* as follows:

5 AAC 58.060(b) is amended to read:

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- (1) The guideline harvest level is [4,500] ~~X,XXX~~ king salmon;
- (2) The sport fish harvest will be estimated annually by the department's statewide harvest survey;
- (3) The bag and possession limit for king salmon is [TWO] ~~X~~ fish;
- (4) The annual limit and harvest record specified in 5 AAC 58.022 does [NOT] apply.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Cook Inlet winter salt water king salmon sport fishery management plan was updated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in 2016 to include the month of September and include all of Cook Inlet salt waters. With these changes, the guideline harvest level (GHL) was increased from 3,000 to 4,500 king salmon, but the harvest in the fishery has exceeded the GHL every year since. This proposal provides the department an opportunity to update the board on harvest trends and review management options for this fishery.

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