

PROPOSAL 106

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Prohibit nonresidents on charter vessels that have taken fish in the EEZ from offloading those fish in state waters, as follows:

If vessels charter fishing in federal waters off SE Alaska in contravention of State of Alaska regulations for non-residents, such as using resident bag limits, they should be prohibited from landing their catch in State waters. Otherwise, limits would be unenforceable. Non-residents already catch 75% of the sport fishing quota. Allowing more liberal fishing rules for non-residents would result in the quota being caught before residents in inside waters have even begun to fish. The proposed activity shows a lack of respect that non-resident guides and anglers have for conservation of king salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? California charter vessels have expressed interest in fishing in federal waters off SE Alaska with non-resident anglers but using resident bag limits. This could create chaos with regard to enforcement.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No

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