

PROPOSAL 107

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 that have taken fish in the EEZ from possessing or offloading those fish in state waters, as follows:”)

Add language to 5 AAC 47.020:

"Non-residents fishing in federal waters off SE Alaska, not following State of Alaska regulations for non-residents, are prohibited from landing their catch in the State or possessing fish caught in federal waters, in state waters."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Charter operators 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. In addition, it would infringe on the State’s historic right to manage the sport salmon fishery statewide in both state and federal waters. If non-residents are allowed resident bag limits in federal waters, the sport fishery bag 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.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. Territorial Sportsmen and Alaska Trollers Association asked the Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee to submit this proposal. The AC voted in support of submitting the proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-F24-163)
