

PROPOSAL 113

5 AAC 29.060 Allocation of King Salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area and 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan

Modify the provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan and increase the sport allocation of king salmon, as follows:

Restore the 2022 Southeast king salmon management plan and adjust the allocation percentages between the troll and sport fisheries as follows to allow room for the sport fishery to achieve an average allocation of twenty percent without frequent in season management or long-term loss of allocation-

5 AAC 29.060

(b) The department shall manage the sport and commercial net and troll fisheries in accordance with the annual harvest ceiling established by the Pacific Salmon Commission. During a directed king salmon fishery in District 8 and District 11, an allowable catch above the baseline harvest level will not be counted towards the annual harvest ceiling. The annual harvest allocation of the annual harvest ceiling for each fishery is as follows:

- (1) purse seine fishery: 4.3 percent of the annual harvest ceiling;
- (2) drift gillnet fishery: 2.9 percent of the annual harvest ceiling;
- (3) set gillnet fishery: 1,000 king salmon;
- (4) troll fishery: **75** [80] percent, after the net fishery allocations in (1);
- (5) sport fishery: **25** [20] percent, after the net fishery allocations in (1);
- (6) if the projected annual Southeast Alaska all-gear harvest is below the annual harvest ceiling, any remaining allocation from those gear groups listed in (1) - (3) and (5) of this subsection may be allocated to the troll fishery beginning at a season date determined by the department and established by emergency order.

5 AAC 47.055

(b) The objectives of the management plan under this section are to (1) manage the sport fishery to attain an average harvest **at or below 25** [OF 20] percent of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest ceiling.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Southeast sport fishing for king salmon was managed for an average catch of 20% of the all-gear quota (less kings for the net fisheries) for almost two decades. Typically, sport allocation was left unharvested or harvested by other gear groups in high management tiers and the sport fleet took more than 20% in low management tiers which avoided the instability of in season management and afforded adequate fishing opportunity while staying within the sport allocation long-term.

That's no longer the exact case with recent changes in the Pacific Salmon Treaty without fresh approaches within the Southeast all-gear catch limit and between gear groups. If ADFG were to begin managing the sport fishery not to exceed its allocation on any year it would result in the sport harvest falling below 20% over time. This proposal revives the 2022 king salmon

management plan and suggests a simple way to restore stability, flexibility, and fishing opportunity while targeting historical allocations.

Adjusting sport to 25% of the troll/sport allocation while using the bag and annual limits from the 2022 king management plan that target an average 20% harvest will give the sport fleet similar flexibility to harvest above its historic 20% in low abundance for sufficient opportunity while redirecting sport and net underage's to the troll fishery (under statute 5 AAC 29.060), allowing troll to meet or exceed its historical allocation of 80% over the time

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Insert the issue statement here.

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