

PROPOSAL 164

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Modify king salmon bag and possession limits in the terminal harvest area near Juneau, as follows:

Make the non-resident king salmon limit in the Terminal Harvest Area effectively half of the resident limit.

"When the resident king salmon daily limit in the Juneau THA greater than 2, the non-resident daily limit shall be 2. When the resident king salmon daily limit in the Juneau THA is 2, the non-resident daily limit shall be 1. When the resident king salmon daily limit in the Juneau THA less than 2, the non-resident daily limit shall be 0."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Non-resident king salmon limits in the Juneau Terminal Harvest Areas. King Salmon resources across Alaska continue to face severe shortages with restricted harvest opportunities for Alaska residents. The visitor industry continues to experience significant growth, which increases non-resident impact on king salmon resources. Hatchery kings are the only viable harvest opportunity for many Juneau residents and applying bag limits equally to non-residents while also exempting non-resident annual harvest limits puts residents at a distinct disadvantage.

Non-residents hire professional guides who have the best equipment and fish every day to develop heightened knowledge of fish movement and feeding, so the chances of limiting out are higher. There are a limited number of hatchery kings returning each year and Alaska residents should have the primary opportunity to harvest them. If the charter fleet in the Juneau area were to invest in creating a significantly increased hatchery king salmon harvest opportunity, that could justify a more favorable allocation for them and their non-resident clients.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Submitted via Territorial Sportsmen Inc

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