

**PROPOSAL 83**

**5 AAC 55.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area.**

Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon, as follows:”)

A resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for salmon, a person using two rods under this regulation may only retain salmon. The bag limits stay the same.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In Southeast Alaska it is permissible for resident anglers to use two rods to troll for salmon. I would like to propose the same regulations for Prince William Sound and eventually the other marine areas in South Central Alaska. The reason why this is important is that it increases efficiency, saves fuel and potentially increases food security for resident anglers fishing alone.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** I developed this proposal on my own because I am retiring and I know from my 30 years experience fishing in Southcentral Alaska that trolling with one rod is not very effective, which was fine when fuel was priced low, but high fuel prices make going fishing prohibitively expensive. This action will not result in additional harvest of Salmon but may reduce the cost of going out and catching a salmon for dinner. There should be no additional cost to this regulation and I cant think of anyone that would be harmed by this except the fuel dock might sell a few gallons less fuel.

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