

**RC051**

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**Comments for Southeast and Yakutat Finfish Meeting**

**Support Proposal 155-5 aac 47.030**

Party fishing is already common practice and makes sense in reducing mortality of targeted species. Proxy fishing is already allowed for those unable to catch their own fish. Legalizing "party fishing" causes no harm and is good for the resource and general public.

**Reject Proposal 158-5 aac 47.055**

In-season variation of king salmon sport limits is good for tourism. The month of May and the first half of June offers only one species of salmon to sport fishermen. It has made good sense to allow a more generous king limit in the first part of the season. After the middle of June other species of salmon arrive and allow for good mixed catches. Having the increased king salmon limits in the early season is a major attractor to early season fishermen, this has been good policy!

**Reject Proposal 159**

The sport catch limits on coho, pink, and chum salmon can be, and always have been, managed by the number of the daily catch limit. If you think nonresident fishermen are catching too many fish cut the daily limit from 6 to 5, or 4. If abundance is an issue, fish and game has had emergency reductions to the daily limit which meets the need. This proposal does nothing to further protect the resource and only provides needless aggravation to the sport fisherman and tourism in general.

Thank you for considering my opinions.