

5 AAC 18.395. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery

(a) In the Inner Karluk, Outer Karluk, Inner Ayakulik, and Outer Ayakulik Sections, if the department determines that the king salmon runs will not meet seasonal escapement goals, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial salmon fishery and immediately reopen the commercial salmon fishery, during which king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained, and king salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken incidentally in the commercial salmon fishery must be returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Before July 30, if the department projects that the Karluk River biological escapement goal will not be met and the sport fishery is restricted in the Karluk watershed to the nonretention of king salmon or the sport fishery for king salmon is closed, the commissioner shall, by emergency order, close the commercial salmon seine fishery season in the waters south of a line from Cape Kuliuk at 57° 48.20' N. lat., to the southern boundary of the Inner Ayakulik Section by the latitude of Low Cape, and immediately reopen a commercial salmon seine fishery season during which (1) king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained; and (2) king salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken incidentally must be returned to the water unharmed.

(c) In addition to the other provisions in this section, in the Kodiak Area, from June 1 through July 5, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken during the commercial salmon seine fishery may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water. The provisions of this subsection do not apply after December 31, 2016.

I would like to continue provision (c), non-retention of King salmon over 28 inches in length until December 31, 2020.

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