

**PROPOSAL 18 – 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.** Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations, as follows:

The introductory language of 5 AAC 58.055(d) is amended to read:

(d) The following waters, within one mile of shore, are closed to all sport fishing from April 1 through **July 15** [JUNE 30]:

...

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** On July 1, the saltwater closed areas surrounding the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River open to sport fishing (including king salmon). Bait and multiple hooks are allowed in this fishery. Based on run timing data, a significant number of king salmon enter the adjacent streams during the first two weeks

of July. On July 1, the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek also open to sport fisheries (except for king salmon). In 2010, the Alaska Board of Fisheries limited gear to one unbaited, single-hook artificial lure from July 1 – 15 to reduce hooking mortality of maturing king salmon in these streams.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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