

**PROPOSAL 134**

**5 AAC 29.090. Management of the spring salmon troll fisheries.**

Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon, as follows:

Close the troll fishery in districts 9,12 and 14 from April 15 to June 15 whenever the Juneau sport fishery is closed to protect Taku chinook from April 15 to June 15.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Taku and Chilkat king salmon stocks are at all time lows and predicted escapements for both rivers are way below the minimum escapement goals. Both stocks have exhibited a downward spiral over the last ten years. Although the Territorial Sportsmen concur that poor ocean survival may be the major limiting factor it is imperative that we take every possible conservation measure to assure that every spawning king salmon reaching our coast makes it to the rivers. The Department of Fish and Game has adopted many of the measures this spring that were proposed by our organization two years ago in Sitka. However, those measures are too little and too late. There is a conservation crisis here. The troll fishery is the largest harvester of the spring Taku king salmon run and should participate fully in its conservation. Taku stocks (and Chilkat stocks) are taken in districts 9, 12 and 14.

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