

Kenai River Guiding and Guided Fishing Requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area (5 proposals)

PROPOSAL 158

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present, as follows:

KENAI RIVER / Guided Fishing on the Kenai River

Guides may not sports fish while a client is present or within the guides control or responsibility, unless the guide is providing assistance to a client with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Guides may give instruction or demonstrate method of angling for the species of fish, any fish hooked during the instruction or demonstration must be immediately released.

The maximum number of fishing rods operated may not exceed the number of clients.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River. I would like to eliminate "from a guide vessel". Guides currently sport fish from shore while they have clients with them. Guides hook fish and hand the rod off to clients to fight the fish while the guide gets a net to land the fish. The fish is then counted toward the client's daily bag limit. The law currently states that the person who hooks the fish is the one whose limit the fish should be counted against, regardless of who actually lands the fish.

PROPOSED BY: Paul Boyden

(EF-F19-018)

PROPOSAL 159

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July, as follows:

Allow 5 anglers to fish from a guide vessel on the Kenai River in July.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Families, & groups not being allowed to fish together on a guide boat in July. Not allowing groups of 5 to fish together in 1 vessel in July only results in the groups being separated into 2 boats and being mixed in with strangers, instead of being able to fish together as a family or a single group. the current regulation does not accomplish anything, changing this regulation does not increase angler effort, and will also reduce boat congestion since only one boat will be needed compared to 2 boats.

PROPOSED BY: Mel Erickson

(EF-F19-027)

PROPOSAL 160

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July, as follows:

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations intended for the Guided Kenai River King Fishery restricting a guide vessel to only 4 anglers, affects the guides ability to transport a group of 5 anglers to the shore based sockeye fishery.

PROPOSED BY: Mel Erickson (EF-F19-028)

PROPOSAL 161

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August, as follows:

Allow guided anglers to fish from a guide vessel on Mondays for coho salmon in August on the Kenai River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Guided anglers not allowed to fish on Mondays in August on the Kenai River, this regulation was adopted at a previous BOF meeting for conservation concerns during a down cycle. This conservation concern is no longer applicable and should be reversed. ADF&G has plenty of tools in the tool box to deal with a conservation concern thru an EO.

PROPOSED BY: Mel Erickson (EF-F19-029)

PROPOSAL 162

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the king salmon sport fishery is closed, as follows:

If the late run Kenai River King salmon fishery is closed, then regulations intended for the guided King salmon fishery such as no fishing from a guide vessel on Sunday, & Mondays, the 6pm to 6am closure, & the prohibition of a 5th angler will not remain in effect.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? When the King salmon fishery on the Kenai River is closed by EO due to low escapement, the regulations intended for the King fishery remain in affect, and does not allow for fishing for other species from a guide vessel such as pink salmon, trout, coho salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Mel Erickson (EF-F19-030)
