

PROPOSAL 87

5 AAC 47.XXX. New section; 5 AAC 29.090. Management of the spring salmon troll fisheries; 5 AAC 29.100. Management of the summer troll fishery.

Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows:

King salmon management in Districts 101 and 102

Required actions:

1) Create a cell phone app for the collection of catch date in real time. Report this weekly! Revise openings and catch limits accordingly. This method of data collection, is virus free, exceeds the accuracy of creel surveys and log books, easily enforceable, and saves money in the long run.

2) Make separate regulatory groups and king salmon quota allocations, for guided fishermen and resident/nonresident unguided anglers. The management of the unguided angler does not need board action at this time as the 30 plus year history of angler-hours has been constant in the amount of about 30,000 hours per year. Although one might want to look at the data for districts 101 and 102 to be sure.

3) Set fixed king salmon quota numbers for the new “guided” group for districts 101 and 102. The majority of the king salmon resource comes from southeast Alaska rivers and Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) hatchery production. All harvest in areas 101 and 102 can not exceed the combined production of these areas. The need for timely accurate data collection and real time management is paramount!

4) Close corridor areas (move west Behm Cannel line to: Pt Higgins to Camino Pt) to all fisheries during the king salmon migration period (June). THERE SHOULD BE NOT FISHING OF ANY KIND PERIOD! The other species of fin fish will get a rest from the torment of fishing gear.

5) All finfish, especially king salmon, processed for consumption out of the state of Alaska must make an electronic fish ticket landing. The regulation for the commercial fleet should also be used for the lodges, onboard processor etc. This landing information would then be used for the collection of raw fish tax. This board of fish can lead the way in steaming the untaxed resource extractions form the State of Alaska.

6) logarithmic tax individual fish box leaving the area. (Use a similar nonlinear scale if desired.) 50 pound box is over 3 times the annual seafood per capita in the USA. Excessive amounts of fish box export leads to over harvest. Also the quality of large quantities of frozen product in a home freezer diminishes rapidly over time. This poorer quality seafood affects the wholesale market price paid for Alaskan seafood products because the home pack is often given away or sold. The home stored product is inferior to the commercial one leading to misconception of Alaska’s product quality. What is the percentage reduction? Who knows. The point is 50# per individual is very generous. Tax any amount over 50 pounds with diligence and abandon.

7) Manage the Mountain point and rock point spring harvest areas (SSRAA hatchery access) with equal time with the newly created “guided” user group. Under the current system there commercial operators get less time than the “guided” fisherman, no parity. The area should be managed by one

manager, not two or more. The troll biologist would be the most logical fit. In this unique class it makes more sense to have a species manager to manage these specific areas.

There are probably are additions to this list the would accelerate the goals listed above. A comprehensive approach would be far better than a piecemeal one. We all must be diligent in returning our local king salmon stocks to previous high productive levels . Just making escape does not meet the statute of maximum sustained yield. Since 2003 previous managers and policy has not done a very good job. There has been lots of growth in the tourism industry since 2003 with little positive reaction to prevent the decline in local stocks. We now have the technology ,all we need is willingness from the regulators and cooperation from the users.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Revise king salmon management in districts 101 and 102 to:

- 1) Return Unik river specifically (and all king producers in districts 101 and 102) to 2003 productivity levels.
- 2) Return the spring commercial troll fisheries access to SSRAA hatcheries production out side the term animal harvest areas.
- 3) Increase the yield of King production toward the statute of maximum sustainable yield.
- 4) Create additional tax revenue for local communities and Sate of Alaska

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