

PROPOSAL 88

5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. and 5 AAC 29.060. Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area.

Amend the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows:

5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan

(a) The commissioner shall establish, by emergency order, the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and all other necessary management measures based on the Southeast Alaska winter troll fishery catch per unit effort (CPUE). The bag and possession limits and other management measures established by the commissioner will remain in effect until January 31 of the following year. If the new Southeast Alaska winter troll fishery CPUE is not available by **May**[FEBRUARY] 1, the bag and possession limits and other management measures for the remainder of the year will be based on the prior year's Southeast Alaska winter troll fishery CPUE, unless superseded by emergency order.

(b) If the department projects that the sport harvest allocation is going to be exceeded, the department shall, by emergency order, close or adjust bag limits to sport fishing by nonresidents to stay within the sport harvest allocation; the department shall close sport fishing by residents only if nonresident angler closures are insufficient to remain within the sport harvest allocation;

(c) [(B)] The objectives of the management plan under this section are to

- (1) manage the sport fishery to attain an average harvest of 20 percent of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest ceiling;
- (2) allow uninterrupted sport fishing in salt waters for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling;
- (3) minimize regulatory restrictions on resident anglers; and
- (4) provide stability to the sport fishery by eliminating in season regulatory changes, except those necessary for conservation **and allocation** purposes.

(d) Should Alaska exceed its quota of treaty Chinook the previous year, all allocation calculations will be based on the original CPUE tiers without any pay back provisions incorporated.

(e) when the number of sport/commercial troll (S/CT) treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is greater than or equal to 345,071 treaty Chinook, [GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 20.5 CPUE)] the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty Chinook will be set at 16% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may , by emergency order, implement the following management measures.

[(C) WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 20.5, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX GREATER THAN 2.2, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 69,000 TREATY KING SALMON, AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

- (1) a resident bag limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one [TWO] king salmon in May and one king salmon in other months; a nonresident annual limit of three [FIVE] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from October 1 through March 31, a sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

(f) when the number of sport/commercial (S/CT) troll treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is less than 345,071 but greater than or equal to 309,384 treaty Chinook, [LESS THAN 20.5 BUT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 8.7 CPUE] the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty chinook will be set at 16% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may , by emergency order, implement the following management measures .

[(D)WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 20.5 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 8.7, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2.2 AND GREATER THAN 1.8, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 61,900 TREATY KING SALMON, AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

(1) a resident bag limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon; a nonresident annual limit of three [FOUR] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from October 1 through March 31, a sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.]

(g) when the number of sport/commercial troll (S/CT) treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is less than 309,384 but greater than or equal to 246,391 treaty Chinook, [LESS THAN 8.7 BUT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 6 CPUE] the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty Chinook will be set at 18% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may , by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

[(E) WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 8.7 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 6.0, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.8 AND GREATER THAN 1.5, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 49,300 TREATY KING SALMON, AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

(1) a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon; a nonresident annual limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

(h) when the number of sport/commercial troll, (S/CT), treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is less than 246,391 but greater than or equal to 189,393 fish, [LESS THAN 6 AND GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.8 CPUE] the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty Chinook will be set at 20% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may , by emergency order, implement the following

management measures for the following conditions, in conjunction with Alaska wild stock conservation measures;

[(F) WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 6.0 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 3.8, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.5 AND GREATER THAN 1.2, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 37,900 TREATY KING SALMON, AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN CONJUNCTION WITH WILD STOCK MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

(1) a bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) **A nonresident total harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;**

[(3) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 7, A NONRESIDENT TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 7 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE TWO FISH TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT;] a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

(3)[(4)] from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon;

[(5) FROM JULY 8 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON; 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT; A HARVEST RECORD UNDER 5 AAC 75.006 IS REQUIRED;]

[(6) IF THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION IS GOING TO BE EXCEEDED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY NONRESIDENTS TO STAY WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION; THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY RESIDENTS ONLY IF NONRESIDENT ANGLER CLOSURES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO REMAIN WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION;]

(4) [(7)] in the Haines and Skagway vicinity:

(A) in the waters of Chilkat Inlet north of the ADF&G regulatory marker immediately north of Seduction Point, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of Section 13-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, southeast of a line from Nismeni Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57° 35.59' N. lat., 135° 22.33' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(5) [(8)] in the Juneau vicinity:

(A) in the waters of Sections 11-A, 11-B and 11-C, District 12. Sections 14-B, 14-C, 15-B, and 15-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of Section 11-D, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(6)[(9)] in the Petersburg Wrangell vicinity:

(A) in the waters of District 8, as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d), and in a portion of District 7, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, in the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56° 22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of District 5 north of a line from Point Baker to a point on the shore of Kuiu Island at 56° 20.80' N. lat., 133° 50.87' W. long., District 6, District 7 excluding the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56° 22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., District 9 north of line from Point Ellis to Patterson Point, and District 10, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(7)(10) in the Ketchikan vicinity:

(A) in the waters of Behm Canal and Revillagigedo Channel and the contiguous bays, between a line from Point Eva to Cactus Point, and a line from Lucky Point at 55° 12.62' N. lat., 131° 16.18' W. long., to Middy Point at 55° 10.19' N., 131° 19.60' W. long., to Beaver Point at 55° 05.25' N. lat., 131° 14.57' W. long., and from Point Rosen at 55° 04.74' N. lat., 131° 10.87' W. long., to Quadra Point at 55° 05.14' N. lat., 130° 59.07' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of West Behm Canal and the contiguous bays enclosed to the north by a line from the western entrance of Bailey Bay at 55° 56.04' N. lat., 131° 37.94' W. long., to the northern tip of Hassler Island at 55° 54.28' N. lat., 131° 37.80' W. long., and a line from Fin Point at 55° 51.26' N. lat., 131° 35.42' W. long., to Dress Point at 55° 51.15' N. lat., 131° 33.75' W. long., and to the south by a line from Indian Point at 55° 36.87' N. lat., 131° 42.07' W. long., to Mike Point at 55° 37.25' N. lat., 131° 52.74' W. long.; a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) in the waters of the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area, which includes the waters of Nichols Pass north of the latitude of Driest Point, Revillagigedo Channel north of the latitude of Harbor Point, and Tongass Narrows south of the latitude of the Lewis Reef Light, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(D) in all remaining waters of Districts 1 and 2, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

(i) **when the number of sport/commercial troll, (S/CT), treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is less than 189,393 but greater than or equal to 129,220 fish,** [IS LESS THAN 3.8 AND EQUAL TO OR

GREATER THAN 2.6 CPUE] **the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty chinook will be set at 22% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures for the following conditions, in conjunction with Alaska wild stock conservation measures;**

[(G) WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 3.8 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.6, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.2 AND GREATER THAN 1.0, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 25,800 TREATY KING SALMON AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN CONJUNCTION WITH WILD STOCK MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

- (1) a **resident** bag limit of **two** [ONE] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (2) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident **bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; and a** total harvest limit of **two** [THREE] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (3) from July 1 through December 31, a nonresident total harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through December 31 will apply toward the one fish total harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

[4] IF THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION IS GOING TO BE EXCEEDED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY NONRESIDENTS TO STAY WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION; THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY RESIDENTS ONLY IF NONRESIDENT ANGLER CLOSURES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO REMAIN WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION;]

(4)[(5)] in the Haines and Skagway vicinity:

- (A) in the waters of Chilkat Inlet north of the ADF&G regulatory marker immediately north of Seduction Point, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) in the waters of Section 13-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, southeast of a line from Nismeni Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57° 35.59' N. lat., 135° 22.33' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(5)[(6)] in the Juneau vicinity:

- (A) in the waters of Sections 11-A, 11-B, and 11-C, District 12, Sections 14-B, 14-C, 15-B, and 15-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) in the waters of Section 11-D, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(6)[(7)] in the Petersburg Wrangell vicinity:

- (A) in the waters of District 8, as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d), and in a portion of District 7, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, in the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56°22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., a

resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of District 5 north of line from Point Baker to a point on the shore of Kuiu Island at 56° 20.80' N. lat., 133° 50.87' W. long., District 6, District 7 excluding the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56° 22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., District 9 north of a line from Point Ellis to Patterson Point, and District 10, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(7)[(8)] in the Ketchikan vicinity:

(A) in the waters of Behm Canal and Revillagigedo Channel and the contiguous bays, between a line from Point Eva to Cactus Point, and a line from Lucky Point at 55° 12.62' N. lat., 131° 16.18' W. long., to Middy Point at 55° 10.19' N., 131° 19.60' W. long., to Beaver Point at 55° 05.25' N. lat., 131° 14.57' W. long., and from Point Rosen at 55° 04.74' N. lat., 131° 10.87' W. long., to Quadra Point at 55° 05.14' N. lat., 130° 59.07' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of West Behm Canal and the contiguous bays enclosed to the north by a line from the western entrance of Bailey Bay at 55° 56.04' N. lat., 131° 37.94' W. long., to the northern tip of Hassler Island at 55° 54.28' N. lat., 131° 37. 80' W. long., and a line from Fin Point at 55° 51.26' N. lat., 131° 35.42' W. long., to Dress Point at 55° 51.15' N. lat., 131° 33.75' W. long., and to the south by a line from Indian Point at 55° 36.87' N. lat., 131° 42.07' W. long., to Mike Point at 55° 37.25' N. lat., 131° 52.74' W. long.; a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) in the waters of the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area, which includes the waters of Nichols Pass north of the latitude of Driest Point, Revillagigedo Channel north of the latitude of Harbor Point, and Tongass Narrows south of the latitude of the Lewis Reef Light; a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(D) in all remaining waters of District 1 and 2, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

(j) when the number of sport/commercial troll, (S/CT), treaty king salmon remaining after the net fisheries allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 have been subtracted, is less than 129,220 but greater than or equal to 102,781 fish, [IS LESS THAN 2.6 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2 CPUE] the sport fishery harvest limit of treaty Chinook will be set at 24% of the S/CT total, and the commissioner may , by emergency order, implement the following management measures for the following conditions, in conjunction with Alaska wild stock conservation measures;

[(H) WHEN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 2.6 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.0, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.0 AND GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.875, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 20,600

TREATY KING SALMON AND THE COMMISSIONER MAY, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:]

(1) a resident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length [EXCEPT THAT FROM JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 15 NONRESIDENT ANGLERS MAY NOT RETAIN KING SALMON;]

(3) a nonresident total harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

[(3) FROM JUNE 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 15 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT;] a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;

[(4) FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 15, A NONRESIDENT TOTAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; A HARVEST RECORD UNDER 5 AAC 75.006 IS REQUIRED;]

[(5) IF THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT THE KING SALMON SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION IS GOING TO BE EXCEEDED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, ADJUST THE NONRESIDENT SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS SO THAT THERE ARE NO CLOSURES FOR RESIDENTS.]

(4) **in the Haines and Skagway vicinity:**

(A) in the waters of Chilkat Inlet north of the ADF&G regulatory marker immediately north of Seduction Point, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of Section 13-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, southeast of a line from Nisemi Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57° 35.59' N. lat., 135° 22.33' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

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(A) in the waters of Sections 11-A, 11-B, and 11-C, District 12, Sections 14-B, 14-C, 15-B, and 15-C, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of Section 11-D, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 1 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(6) **in the Petersburg Wrangell vicinity:**

(A) in the waters of District 8, as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d), and in a portion of District 7, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, in the waters of Eastern Passage west of a line from a point on Wrangell Island at 56°22.19' N. lat., 132° 11.75' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from July 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

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mainland shore at 56° 22.76' N. lat., 132° 10.62' W. long., District 9 north of a line from Point Ellis to Patterson Point, and District 10, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(7) in the Ketchikan vicinity:

(A) in the waters of Behm Canal and Revillagigedo Channel and the contiguous bays, between a line from Point Eva to Cactus Point, and a line from Lucky Point at 55° 12.62' N. lat., 131° 16.18' W. long., to Middy Point at 55° 10.19' N., 131° 19.60' W. long., to Beaver Point at 55° 05.25' N. lat., 131° 14.57' W. long., and from Point Rosen at 55° 04.74' N. lat., 131° 10.87' W. long., to Quadra Point at 55° 05.14' N. lat., 130° 59.07' W. long., a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) in the waters of West Behm Canal and the contiguous bays enclosed to the north by a line from the western entrance of Bailey Bay at 55° 56.04' N. lat., 131° 37.94' W. long., to the northern tip of Hassler Island at 55° 54.28' N. lat., 131° 37.80' W. long., and a line from Fin Point at 55° 51.26' N. lat., 131° 35.42' W. long., to Dress Point at 55° 51.15' N. lat., 131° 33.75' W. long., and to the south by a line from Indian Point at 55° 36.87' N. lat., 131° 42.07' W. long., to Mike Point at 55° 37.25' N. lat., 131° 52.74' W. long.; a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from August 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) in the waters of the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area, which includes the waters of Nichols Pass north of the latitude of Driest Point, Revillagigedo Channel north of the latitude of Harbor Point, and Tongass Narrows south of the latitude of the Lewis Reef Light; a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish from June 15 through December 31, 28 inches or greater in length;

(D) in all remaining waters of District 1 and 2, as described in 5 AAC 33.200, a resident king salmon bag limit of two fish 28 inches or greater in length from August 15 through December 31.

[(5) IF THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION IS GOING TO BE EXCEEDED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY NONRESIDENTS TO STAY WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION; THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CLOSE SPORT FISHING BY RESIDENTS ONLY IF NONRESIDENT ANGLER CLOSURES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO REMAIN WITHIN THE SPORT HARVEST ALLOCATION;]

(k)[(i)] When the Southeast Alaska winter troll fishery CPUE is less than 2.0, which is equivalent to a king salmon abundance index of less than 0.875, the all gear catch limit will be determined by the Pacific Salmon Commission, and the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the provisions specified in **(b)**[(G) AND (H)] of this section and non-retention periods or other restrictions for resident and nonresident anglers to obtain 20 percent of the harvest reduction from resident anglers and 80 percent from nonresident anglers.

(l)[(J)] The commissioner may adopt regulations that establish reporting requirements necessary to obtain the information required to implement the management plan under this section.

(m) [(k)] The commissioner may, by emergency order, establish that the nonresident harvest and annual limits for king salmon under this section do not apply in a hatchery terminal harvest area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The 2019 Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement resulted a different abundance system used to determine Alaska's quota share. The new CPUE tier system leaves the sport fishery short of the treaty fish it needs on the lower tiers at the current 20% after the net fisheries have been subtracted. Yet on the upper tiers, a 20% allocation is too many treaty fish and even with excessive bag limits can be beyond the sport fishery's ability to harvest it. This proposal is a sliding scale allocation plan that should solve both of these issues. On low abundance years the troll fleet will harvest less than their current 80% allocation, but on high abundance years, make up for that loss, by harvesting more than the current 80%.

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