

Substitute Language for Proposal 264

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

The original proposal would amend the management plan to allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish seven days a week for coho salmon from September 1 through November 16.

The revised proposal would allow anglers to fish seven days a week for coho salmon from September 15 through November 16.

- Currently, from July 31 through November 30, sportfishing from a registered guide vessel for coho is prohibited on Mondays in the lower Kenai River.
- Moving the start date from September 1 to September 15 moves this regulation to the latter part of the fall coho fishery when participation is waning and crowding is no longer an issue.
- Practically speaking, this effects perhaps 6 days per year – there is little or no coho fishing effort in November.
- The large majority of guided anglers during this time period are Alaska residents.
- There is no social or biological reason for the Monday guide prohibition during this time frame.