

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
 NORTHERN COOK INLET KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN
 #78-42-FB

*See also #77-27-FB,
 #79-50-FB, #81-88-FB,
 #81-90-FB,
 #81-91-FB,
 #81-95-FB.*

Certain Northern Cook Inlet streams as listed below will be opened to sport fishing for king salmon in 1979. Each stream has a maximum harvest level established. The following areas are open to fishing for king salmon 20 inches and over in length with a bag limit of one per day, one in possession.

1. Alexander Creek from its mouth upstream to Pierce Creek marker, approximately six miles; open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6. Maximum harvest level 2000 kings.
2. Chunilna Creek from its mouth to a marker two miles upstream and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Talkeetna River: open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6. Maximum harvest level 300 kings.
3. Deshka River from its mouth upstream to Jack Laub's homestead marker, approximately six miles: open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6. Maximum harvest level 7000 kings.
4. Lake Creek from its mouth upstream to Bulchitna Lake marker, approximately two miles: open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6. Maximum harvest level 2000 kings.
5. Little Susitna River from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge at Houston: open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6. Maximum harvest level 1000 kings.
6. Caswell Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season. Maximum harvest level 200 kings.
7. Montana Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season. Maximum harvest level 300 kings.
8. Willow Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season. Maximum harvest level 300 kings.

A punch card will be required and each angler will be limited to a daily bag and possession limit of one (1) king salmon over 20 inches and a

seasonal limit of five (5) king salmon in all waters from Cape Douglas around to Point Adam.

A statistically designed creel census will be conducted to insure:

1. That maximum harvest levels listed above are not exceeded, and
2. in-season management decisions that will allow altered harvests in accord with run strength.

Parallel to the creel census, maximum enforcement presence will be maintained on each stream through coordinated efforts of the Department of Public Safety, Wildlife Protection Division, and the Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division staffs.

NOTE: See attached regulations adopted in December 1978, and subsequent amending regulations adopted in December 1979.

44. To provide for a sport fishery season on king salmon 20 inches and over in length on selected freshwater streams in upper Cook Inlet.

The proposed regulations reads as follows:

5 AAC 60.030. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) King salmon: [ALL FRESHWATER DRAINAGES CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF KING SALMON OVER 20 INCHES IN LENGTH] The following areas are open to fishing for king salmon 20 inches and over in length with a bag limit of one per day, one in possession.

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(5) Little Susitna River from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge at Houston: open to king salmon fishing from May 25 through July 6.

(6) Caswell Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season.

(7) Montana Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season.

(8) Willow Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway and all waters within one-fourth-mile radius of the stream confluence with the Susitna River: open to king salmon fishing for four (4) consecutive weekends, beginning the second weekend of June. Closed to all fishing from May 1 through July 6 except during the king salmon season.

Justification:

This is a management option to harvest increased king salmon stocks. Large stock size and the desirability of chinook salmon to the recreational angler gives this stock a potential to meet recreational needs for a large number of anglers. Based on current distribution of the run to various streams in the Susitna drainage, the sport fishery is designed to take place in streams where 70-75% of the known run occurs.

Proposed by: Staff.

SUPPORT

- Loren C. Pitchford, Anchorage (58-61)
- John P. Brandt, Anchorage (62)
- Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee (125) (with CF provision)
- Central Peninsula Advisory Committee (135) (if CF is permitted)

Roll call on vote

OPPOSE

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Chris: 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

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Backup for #78-42-FB

TO: Marian Williams
Administrative Assistant
Advisory Committees
Juneau

DATE: July 1, 1980

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 344-0541, ext. 224

FROM: R. Russell Redick *RR*
Regional Supervisor
Division of Sport Fish
Department of Fish and Game
Anchorage

SUBJECT: Revision to FB 78-42FB

I also do not have any record of a revision to the upper Cook Inlet king salmon harvest policy. I suspect no one redrafted FB 78-42 and submitted it for Nick's signature.

The Board made the following changes:

1. Changed the bag limit to: two king salmon per day or in possession, only one of which can exceed 28 inches in length (Proposal 47).
2. Opened Deshka River from the mouth to the forks (Proposal 54).
3. Opened all of Alexander Creek (to Alexander Lake) (Proposal 52).
4. Lake Creek added "and all waters within 1/4-mile radius of its confluence with the Yentna River (Proposal 55).

cc: Andrews