

ACR 9

Align regulations within the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan with provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty annex (5 AAC 47.055).

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD. 5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan triggers sport fishery management actions that limit harvest to the sport fishery harvest limit allocation. In August 2018, the Pacific Salmon Commission reached agreement to renew various fishery arrangements under the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) for the next ten years (2019-2028). One significant change is the creation of seven harvest limit tiers that replace the existing harvest limit ranges and result in a one to seven percent reduction in the existing harvest limit of king salmon in the Southeast Alaska fisheries. Since the renewed 2019-2028 PST agreement reduces the harvest limit at specified abundance indices, managing the sport fishery under the current plan would likely cause the sport fishery to exceed its allocation more often and by a greater amount.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Management prescriptions within the current plan would be aligned with the seven harvest limit tiers established under the renewed 2019-2028 PST.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.

a) for a fishery conservation purpose or reason: Not applicable.

b) to correct an error in regulation: Yes. The management prescriptions under the current plan are based on harvest limit ranges established under the 2009-2018 PST and not the seven harvest limit tiers set under the renewed 2019-2028 PST.

c) to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted: Not applicable.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? The sport fishery would likely exceed its allocation more often and by a greater amount requiring reduced harvest in other Southeast Alaska king salmon fisheries.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE. Not applicable.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE. Under the existing plan, the sport fishery would likely exceed its allocation more often and by a greater amount than under the seven harvest limit tiers established under the renewed 2019-2028 PST.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FISHERY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game manages Southeast Alaska king salmon fisheries, subject to the regulations established by the board.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING. This ACR has not been considered before.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game