

RE: Proposal 250

Chairman Johnstone & Board Members,

Amend 250 as follows;

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

The Department may implement a slot limit of greater than 42" and less than 55" on the Late-Run Kenai King Salmon and both the Early and Late-Run Kasilof King Salmon as a measure to protect 1.3, 1.4 & 1.5 male and females in returns with low abundance of these age class.

Justification for amending Proposal 250 to new language; With no retention of females across the board there would be no opportunity for harvest of some larger kings, plus there could be unintended consequences to the user if a king was not properly identified. This is a tool that the Department could utilize before closing both rivers from retention.

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