

RC 276
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Board Members:

Please disregard the political pressure to do **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING** about Kenai river habitat, and consider transitioning to a drift-only Kenai river so that my children may enjoy the Kenai as I have. This RC could replace a number of proposals to accomplish this.

Amend 5 AAC 57.121 (3) As follows:

(3) a person may not [sport fish from a boat] **use a boat for the taking of fish in the Kenai River:**

Amend 5 AAC 57.121 (3)(A)(2) As follows:

(2); (A) on any Monday in May, June, and July, except Memorial Day, in that portion of the Kenai River from the Sterling Highway Bridge upstream to the outlet of Skilak Lake, except that unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel is allowed on Mondays in May, June, and July as described in 5 AAC 21.359(b) (2); for the purposes of this subparagraph, "non-motorized vessel" is a vessel that does not have a motor on board;

In addition to the above, In that portion of the Kenai River from the Sterling Highway Bridge upstream to the outlet of Skilak Lake, except that guided or unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel is allowed on Thursdays in May, June, and July as described in 5 AAC 21.359(b) (2). In 2015 on any Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday in May, June, and July, in that portion of the Kenai River from the Sterling Highway Bridge upstream to the outlet of Skilak Lake, except that guided or unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel is allowed on Mondays in May, June, and July as described in 5 AAC 21.359(b) (2). In 2016 and thereafter on any Tuesday – Sunday in May, June, and July, in that portion of the Kenai River from the Sterling Highway Bridge upstream to the outlet of Skilak Lake, except that guided or unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel is allowed on Mondays in May, June, and July as described in 5 AAC 21.359(b) (2) for the purposes of this subparagraph, "non-motorized vessel" is a vessel that does not have a motor on board;

Amend 5 AAC 57.121 (3)(F) As follows:

(F) notwithstanding the provisions of (A) of this paragraph, **in 2014 on any Monday or Thursday, in 2015 on any Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday, in 2016 and thereafter any day** in May, June, and July, except Memorial Day, in that portion of the Kenai River from its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge, and except as described in 5 AAC 21.359(b) (2), a vessel that has on board the vessel no more than one motor that is not more than 10 horsepower may be used only between the mouth of the Kenai River and ADF&G regulatory markers located at Cunningham Park, and only after fishing from the vessel has ceased for that day; a person may not deploy sport fishing gear from a vessel after a motor has been used to propel that vessel on the same day;

Amend 5 AAC 21.359 (2) As follows:

(2) in the sport fishery, that portion of the Kenai River downstream from Skilak Lake is open to unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel on Mondays in July. **In 2014, is open to guided and unguided sport fishing only from a non-motorized vessel on Thursdays in July. In 2015, is open to guided and unguided fishing only from a non-motorized vessel on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. In 2016 and thereafter, the use of a boat on the Kenai for the taking of fish will only be allowed in a non-motorized vessel;** for purposes of this section a non-motorized vessel is one that does not have a motor on board;