

Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen

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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
C/O BOARD SUPPORT SECTION
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Re: AMENDED PROPOSALS 19 – 27, Inclusive
(Presented in Order of Committee of the Whole Group 3)

Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen (CIRF) respectfully submits for the Board of Fisheries' consideration, the amended versions of its proposals as set forth below. We ask that the Board consider these amended versions as replacements for the versions in the proposal book.

The amended proposals are the result of extensive discussions of supporting scientific data, conservative management policies, and extensive ongoing efforts to develop proposal terms that would earn broad support. It is hoped that these amended proposals will help to reduce the Board's workload.

ACCORDINGLY,

CIRF PROPOSES AND SUPPORTS and respectfully requests the Board CONSIDER AND ADOPT THESE AMENDED PROPOSALS:

PROPOSAL 19: AMENDED

5 AAC 58.060(a) The purpose of the management plan under this section is to meet the Board of Fisheries' goal of slowing the growth in the sport harvest of king salmon in the salt waters of Lower Cook Inlet during the winter, which occurs from **September 1** [OCTOBER 1] through March 31.

Note: This amendment is supported by ADF&G.

PROPOSAL 20: CANCELLED

PROPOSAL 27: UNCHANGED

If the Board approves proposal 27, then proposals 25 and 26 become moot and would be withdrawn.

PROPOSAL 25: UNCHANGED

PROPOSAL 26: UNCHANGED

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PROPOSAL 21: Amended and Merged with Proposal 23, below

PROPOSAL 23: Merged with Proposal 21

PROPOSAL 21: As Merged with Proposal 23

5 AAC 58.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area

- (a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, the following are the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and special provisions for finfish and shellfish in the Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area: (1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of two fish; no size limit; an annual harvest limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, **except the “annual harvest limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length” requirement shall not apply to the Lower Cook Inlet sport fishery in the marine waters south of latitude N59°40’ (west of Bluff Point), and except as provided in (c) of this section; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006, except, a harvest record shall not be required for king salmon harvested in the Lower Cook Inlet sport fishery south of latitude N59°40’ (west of Bluff Point),**

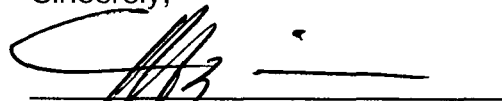
SUMMARY: Initially, proposals 21 and 23 were submitted separately in order to comply with the Board’s “single issue proposal” requirement. Department and other comments revealed that the separation of the issues was a primary source of opposition. The original proposals’ use of the conventional Upper/Lower Cook Inlet dividing line at the latitude of the Anchor Point light was also a source of objection. In response, this amended proposal seeks to (1) remove the annual harvest limit requirement in combination with (2) removing the harvest record requirement, and (3) replacing the originally proposed (but contentious) demarcation latitude of the Anchor Point light to the more southerly (and Department supported) latitude of Bluff Point.

PROPOSALS 22: CANCELLED

PROPOSALS 24: CANCELLED

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Peter Zimmerman
CIRF spokesperson