

**PROPOSAL 190 - 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area.** Expand the waters open to fishing after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon in the lower Kenai River, as follows:

Coho Salmon Lower Kenai River

\*After taking a limit of coho (silver) salmon from the Kenai River a person may not fish in the Kenai River downstream of the Pillars State Recreational Site on that same day.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** After taking a bag limit of coho salmon from the Kenai River a person may not fish in the Kenai River downstream of the Soldotna Bridge on that same day. I would like to see the regularity marker moved down to the pillars boat launch (from the Soldotna Bridge) which is a easily identifiable marker just above the tidal zone. This would allow those that would like to continue to fish to be able to do so without having to travel upstream of the Soldotna Bridge. It would decrease crowding in other parts of the Kenai River by allowing anglers to switch gear to pursue other species in this area. What happens now is anglers either catch and release coho until they are ready to stop fishing for the day or they are forced to travel to another part of Kenai River to continue to fish on that day.

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