

### **New Information regarding the 1% rule**

The 1% rule is essential to the health of the Kenai River guided sport fishery.

This rule protects silver salmon and Kenai King Salmon returning in August.

With restriction of the July King fishery, silver fishing during August has now become economically critical for the Kenai River guides.

In the last five years:

- 138 guides have left the fishery due to declining king numbers and restrictions.
- Guided salmon trips in August have increased from 2,752 to 3,400 as silvers filled some of the void.
- Sport catch of silvers in August increased from 9,545 to 13,216.

In this same time, the east side set net and Central District drift net fisheries continued to harvest significant numbers of sport-priority silver salmon during August.

- In 2015 for instance, 9,955 silvers were harvested by the commercial fishery in the first 5 days of August.
- This is equivalent to weeks of sport fishery harvest opportunity.

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