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Substitute language for proposal 237.

5 AAC 59.120 is amended to read:

(2) salmon, other than king salmon,

(A) 16 inches or greater in length may not be retained or possessed; no open season; salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length that are caught must be released immediately; notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, in waters where sport fishing for salmon is allowed under 5 AAC 59.122, except as specified in 5 AAC 59.122(a)(1)(A), (a)(2)(E), and (a)(14)(B), the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length, is three fish, of which only two per day and two in possession may be coho salmon;

(B) less than 16 inches in length
    (i) may not be retained or possessed in flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds no open season; salmon other than king salmon, less than 16 inches that are caught must be released immediately; notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, in waters where sport fishing for salmon is allowed under 5 AAC 59.122, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, less than 16 inches in length, is five fish.

(C) [NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.] in areas where the retention of coho salmon is allowed under this paragraph or 5 AAC 59.122, a coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a coho salmon from the water before releasing the fish;