

PROPOSAL 138

5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan.

Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods, as follows:

I would like to see a clearer definition of what to do in the situation described below, included in the fish and game regulations. Also I would like to see retention of Coho and other salmon species, included in the 2 pole king salmon fishing period. As the Coho run is just about over anyway, I cannot see it having much of an impact on the overall catch of Coho for the year. As I am more or less subsistence fishing when I am out sport fishing, and I don't get out as much as I like, if I do catch a late Coho, while fishing for kings with two poles, it would be nice to be able to throw it in the freezer.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to have the board clear up a question I have gotten different answers to depending on which law enforcement officer, or fish and game person, I have asked. If you are fishing with 2 poles for King Salmon, as allowed between October 1st to April 1st, and you catch a rockfish, should you shake it as it's not the target species of the 2 pole opening? Or should you keep it as the regulations require you to keep the first rock fish caught? Also I would like to see the 2 rod fishing period be extended to include all species of salmon caught, as there are some Coho's left in early October and it's a shame to have to shake them because you are fishing 2 poles.

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