

PROPOSAL 28

5 AAC 24.361. Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.

Repeal mandatory inside waters commercial salmon fishery closures in the *Copper River King Salmon Management Plan*, as follows:

(b) Repeal mandatory inside waters closure in the *Copper River King Salmon Management Plan*. Repeal mandatory inside commercial closures for any statistical week from regulation.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) has the authority to manage fisheries and has demonstrated its ability to do so effectively; therefore, mandatory closures are unnecessary. ADFG has opposed mandatory closures on sport fisheries as these closures are mandated even when the circumstances of a current year's run strength and timing do not require them. This proposal does not suggest eliminating the inside closure tool as it is warranted, but rather suggests the elimination of this mandatory language.

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