PROPOSAL 149
5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area.
Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River, as follows:

Other than king salmon within specified size, hook and release of king salmon on the Kenai River will no longer be deployed as a recovery plan.

More kings will spawn, return could rebound. All users will benefit if more kings spawn.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fewer king salmon, smaller king salmon, Kenai River hook and release is a failed recovery strategy. Too difficult to reduce mortality when kings are hooked more than once.

If this problem is not solved there will be a continued downward trend.

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