

PROPOSAL 4

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery, as follows:

Define and reduce area of the Seward Youth-only Fishery.

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(9) (C) Seward Lagoon and the waters leading into Seward Lagoon are closed to sport fishing, except that a person under 16 years of age may sport fish during a designated youth sport fishery **in the Seward Lagoon Youth-only Fishing Zone, established in the Seward Lagoon and waters leading out of the Seward Lagoon, except waters downstream of 4th Avenue, 60 6.8492 N by 149 26.4180 W to the saltwater, 60 6.8015 N by 149 26.2835 W** as follows: (i) the designated youth sport fishery occurs for king salmon, the third Friday and weekend in June, and the second Friday and weekend in July; (ii) the designated youth sport fishery occurs for coho salmon, the last Friday and weekend in August, and the first Friday and weekend in September; (iii) a single hook, or a single-hook, artificial lure, with bait may be used; (iv) bag and possession limit of two fish; (v) as specified in 5 AAC 75.022(c), a person may not snag a fish;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Seward AC would like to see the BOF reduce and refine the area of the Seward youth only fishery. This is part of a suite of proposals submitted by the Seward AC to fine tune a local youth only fishery by decreasing area and daily bag limit but encourage additional youth participation by increasing time.

Removing the waters downstream from 4th Ave. to the saltwater will create a clear separation and buffer between the shore based saltwater snag fishery and the single hook, artificial lure with bait youth fishery where snagging is prohibited. The buffer zone would also make the regulations clearer for the general public to understand.

PROPOSED BY: Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F19-091)
