

PROPOSAL 152

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 47.023(k)(1)(C) In 108 Creek, sport fishing is closed 300 feet upstream of the upper falls to 300 feet downstream of the lower falls.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The residents of Whale Pass have seen a greater presence of un-guided non-resident sport fishing anglers fishing 108 Creek at the falls. These anglers will fish and catch a limit of salmon. They will continue to fish and practice catch and release for the remainder of the day. The anglers do not take into account the increased rate of mortality on the fish which are attempting to navigate up the falls to the spawning grounds. Closing a small area at the falls will decrease the morality of the fish attempting to navigate their way upstream. Sport fishermen flood the area below the falls because the salmon are pooled up prior to them attempting to navigate their way up the falls. With closing the area, sport fishermen still have plenty of areas to fish 108 Creek.

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