

Proposed amendment to proposal 173

Proposal 173 addresses 2 issues. One of those issues is using bait when the late run Kenai River King salmon is a stock of concern. This was effectively addressed in the adoption of RC 183.

The other issue was fishing in August from a moving vessel below the Soldotna bridge. We feel that fishing from a moving vessel (back trolling) increases the possibility of catching late run Kenai River king salmon. While the late run Kenai River king salmon is in a stock of concern this should be addressed.

Fishing from a moving vessel, or back trolling in August is a known effective way to catch king salmon. The use of bait either from shore or from an anchored vessel is not an effective method of catching king salmon. It is the preferred way by most to fish for coho salmon in shallow water.

PLEASE REFER TO 5ACC 57.121 (3)(G). A person may not sport fish for any species of fish from a vessel that is making upstream progress relative to the water with the aid of a motor.

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