

PROPOSAL 72 - 5 AAC 64.060. Kodiak Area Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. Create an exclusive use area for saltwater sport fishing charter operators in the Kodiak area as follows:

Add a new regulation to specify the following:

(a) The Kodiak Area (as defined in 5 AAC 64.005) is an exclusive use area for salt water sport fishing charter service operators

(b) A person licensed under 5 AAC 75.075 to provide sport fishing services that operates a salt water sport fishing charter service in the Kodiak exclusive use area at any time during the calendar year may not operate or have operated a salt water sport fishing charter services in any other sport fishing regulatory areas of the State during that same calendar year.

(c) A person licensed under 5 AAC 75.075 to provide sport fishing services that operates a salt water sport fishing charter service in a sport fishing regulatory area other than the Kodiak exclusive use area at any time during the calendar year may not operate or have operated a salt water sport fishing charter services in the Kodiak exclusive use area during that same calendar year.

(d) A vessel registered under 5 AAC 75.077 for sport fishing services that operates a salt water sport fishing charter vessel in the Kodiak Area at any time during the calendar year may not operate or have been operated as a salt water sport fishing charter vessel in any other sport fishing area within the State of Alaska during that same calendar year.

ISSUE: Currently, the potential exists for unlimited increase in the number of salt water sport fishing charter services operators in the Kodiak Area. Kodiak operators are subject to increased competition not only from new operators but also from operators that fish in other sport fishing areas of the State of Alaska. Operators that can move their salt water charter services anywhere within the state have no incentive to protect local area sport fishing resources (such as salmon, halibut and other fish stocks and so not support local economies. Operators from areas outside of Kodiak do not have the same need as Kodiak operators to keep the sport fishery resources of Kodiak healthy and sustainable.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Excessive competition will lower the quality of the sport fishing experience for clients and may force local operators out of business. Sport fishing areas will become more and more crowded with charter boats from other areas of the state. Information about sport harvests from the Kodiak Area by non-Kodiak operators may not be available to local ADF&G managers, putting Kodiak sport fishing resources at more risk. The local Kodiak economy will suffer as money from salt water sport fishing charter services and clients that might have been spent on Kodiak goes to other communities.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Yes. Limiting participation in Kodiak sport fishing salt water charter services through exclusive use limitations will improve the quality of the sport fishing

experience for Kodiak sport fishers and charter vessel clients. Competitive pressure on the sport fishing resources of the Kodiak Area will be lower.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Operators and clients of sport fishing salt water charter services, and the sport fishing resources of the Kodiak Area.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Salt water sport fishing charter operators that do not care about the health of the fishery resources of Kodiak or the quality of the sport fishing experience of their clients.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

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PROPOSAL A - 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit dragging an anchor on the bottom of the Kenai River as follows:

Add a new regulation to specify the following:

Dragging an anchor while sport fishing is not permitted on the Kenai River.

Anchored vessel means a vessel on which any device other than oars, paddles or a motor is used to stop the downstream drift of the vessel.

Drifting downstream in a vessel while anchor is deployed without making an attempt to stop the downstream movement of vessel is prohibited

ISSUE: The Board of Fisheries heard from the public that there were habitat disturbance issues associated with the intentional dragging of an anchor while sportfishing. The board chose to generate a proposal to address anchor dragging to allow for additional review and consider making a regulatory change.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Continued habitat degradation.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? No

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Everyone.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Fishermen using this method.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? None.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Board of Fisheries

PROPOSAL B - 5 AAC 61.112 (5)(E). Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Repeal bag and possession limit for Northern pike in Alexander Lake as follows:

Repeal 5 AAC 61.112 (5)(E)

[(I) NORTHERN PIKE LESS THAN 22 INCHES IN LENGTH, NO BAG OR POSSESSION LIMIT,

(II) NORTHERN PIKE 22 INCHES IN LENGTH TO 30 INCHES IN LENGTH MAY NOT BE RETAINED;

(III) NORTHERN PIKE GREATER THAN 30 INCHES IN LENGTH, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF ONE FISH;]

ISSUE: The Board of Fisheries heard from the public that there was a problem with excess numbers of Northern pike in Alexander Lake with resulting negative impact on salmon productivity. The board chose to generate a proposal to address pike fishing in Alexander Lake to allow for additional review and consider making a regulatory change.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Continued impact on salmon production.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? No.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Salmon fishermen.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? No one.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? None.

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