

PROPOSAL 237 – 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Amend the regulations for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages to allow harvest of salmon, other than king salmon, that are less than 16 inches in length, as follows:

5 AAC 59.120(2) is amended to read:

- (2) salmon, other than king salmon,
 - (B) less than 16 inches in length

- (i) may **be taken** [NOT BE RETAINED OR POSSESSED] in flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds **from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of 10 fish;** [NO OPEN SEASON; SALMON OTHER THAN KING SALMON, LESS THAN 16 INCHES THAT ARE CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulation does not provide a bag or possession limit for sockeye and pink salmon that are less than 16 inches in length. If adopted, in the flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds in the Anchorage Bowl Drainage that are open for salmon fishing, the bag and possession limit for sockeye, pink, and chum salmon that are less than 16 inches in length, would be 10 fish. The bag and possession limit for sockeye, pink, coho, and chum salmon 16 inches or greater would remain at 3 fish, and the bag limit for king salmon would also not be changed.

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