

PROPOSAL 196

5 AAC 47.022. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters, as follows:

(b)(2) salmon, other than king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; no annual limit for residents. The annual limit for nonresidents is two times the daily bag limit for sockeye salmon; no size limit; . . . (continue with current text for remainder of section)

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Abuses to sport fishing bag and possession limits by some nonresident anglers are well known. These behavior patterns by a few nonresidents are contributing to conservation issues on some streams that are difficult to quantify and address. One of the first pieces of information required to assess the impacts of nonresident anglers is to document the total harvest of salmon by this group. Personal Use and Subsistence fisheries for Chinook, silver, and sockeye salmon generally have annual limits that are recorded in the field on a harvest record. The mail-out harvest survey is inadequate for this type of accounting.

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