

PROPOSAL 118

5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan, and 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Kuskokwim — Goodnews Area.

Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon, as follows:

Kuskokwim River Drainage: (Downstream of a point located ¼ mile upstream of the confluence of the Kuskokwim River with the Holitna River, and all waters draining in to the Kuskokwim River Bay south of the Kuskokwim River): (include with current language)

King Salmon: During times of Chinook Salmon conservation, all waters draining into the Kuskokwim River will be closed to taking of Chinook Salmon unless the Chinook Salmon Conservation has been lifted for all rivers that drain into the Kuskokwim River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? During times of Chinook Salmon conservation, there is no regulation where sport fishing is prohibited all throughout the Kuskokwim River as outlined in the Special Regulations for the Kuskokwim – Goodnews Drainages. If one set of users are prohibited from taking Chinook salmon, all other users must also be prohibited.

PROPOSED BY: Organized Village of Kwethluk

(HQ-F18-085)

PROPOSAL 119

5 AAC 01.295. Aniak River bag and possession limits; 5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Kuskokwim — Goodnews Area.

Close fishing for king salmon on Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon, as follows:

(1) The bag and possession limit is as specified by species in 5 AAC 70.010, except that the bag and possession limit is for King salmon is two fish, with no size and annual limits; Chinook Salmon: During times of Chinook Salmon conservation taking of Chinook Salmon upstream from Doestock Creek on the Aniak River is prohibited unless the Chinook Salmon Conservation has been lifted for all rivers that drain into the Kuskokwim River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? During times of Chinook Salmon conservation, if the remainder of the Kuskokwim river drainages are closed to subsistence, Doestock Creek on the upstream from Aniak river should also be closed. If one set of users are prohibited from taking Chinook salmon, all other users must also be prohibited.

PROPOSED BY: Organized Village of Kwethluk

(HQ-F18-084)

PROPOSAL 120

5 AAC 71.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisarialik Rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon, as follows:

Closure of sports fishing and rafting at prime salmon spawning tributaries of the Kuskokwim River, namely the Kwethluk, Kasigluk and Kisarialik Rivers that flow into the Kuskokuak Slough and Kuskokwim River starting May 1 to October 31st of each year conservation of salmon species (Chinook, Chum, Sockeye and Coho) is warranted.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Rafting and sports fishing in times of salmon conservation (Chinook, Chum, Sockeye and Coho) on the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries. Rafters and Sports Fishers will contaminate the headwaters and lakes where all salmon species spawn in the tributaries of the Kuskokwim River.

PROPOSED BY: Chariton Epchook

(EF-F18-030)

PROPOSAL 121

5 AAC 71.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage, as follows:

5 AAC 71.010(c)(3).

The following regulations applies to fishing from guided boats in the Aniak River Drainage: From June 12th to September 20th fishing is not allowed beginning 5:00 PM Friday until 5:00 PM Sunday.

Guide Boats may not carry more than 4 persons at one time. This includes guides, clients and other passengers.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Over the last decade, Guided Sport Fish opportunities on the Aniak River drainage have increased dramatically and as such, user conflicts have multiplied along with concerns over the impact of such use on both the salmon spawning grounds and non-salmon subsistence fishing. The Central Kuskokwim community members along with the Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee have identified and discussed this increased conflict, which can be found in the meeting notes, over the last 5 years. Subsistence fishing has been negatively impacted by overcrowding and noise pollution on several of the identified traditional, historical and cultural fishing spots up the Aniak River. This user conflict continues throughout the summer disrupting the main source of subsistence fishing taking place up the Aniak drainage for non-salmon species. There is also a deep concern that this over use is impacting critical salmon spawning grounds as several guided boats utilize these areas.

PROPOSED BY: Lisa Feyereisen

(EF-F18-098)

PROPOSAL 122

5 AAC 71.030. Methods, means, and general provisions — Finfish.

Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore, as follows:

Add new regulation

5 AAC 71.030 Sport Fishing and Personal Use Fishery

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(d) In the State sport salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River drainage, salmon heads and back bones shall be retained and Chinook Salmon heads, eggs, stomachs, tails, and backbones shall be retained. Nonedible parts shall be offered to local dog mushers and garden groups and only then discarded midriver away from shore or buried away from any community.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At many communities, sport fishermen discard fish parts all over the beach where kids go swimming. Local residents observe fish parts on beaches in tributary streams also, especially the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik river drainages where sport fishing pressure is high.

PROPOSED BY: Alissa Nadine Rogers

(HQ-F18-063)
