

**PROPOSAL 95**

**5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan.**

Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows:

In years when in season monitoring of the sport catch of Chinook indicates that the current bag limits will likely not result in full utilization of the Sport Allocation, the Department shall make necessary changes to bag limits to better enable the full utilization of the Chinook resource. The Department will also analyze the harvest capability of resident versus non-resident anglers in determining how to distribute any bag limit changes between the two groups. Additionally, the Department will be selective in not raising bag limits in areas where native Chinook stocks of concern may be harvested excessively.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The new treaty system adopted by the Board of Fish in 2018 for allocating Chinook Salmon to resident and non-resident anglers in Southeast Alaska utilizes a tier system to establish bag limits that is based on the Catch Per Unit of Effort (CPUE) results from the Winter Commercial Troll Fishery. In some years, this tier system may not allow sport anglers to harvest their full 20% of the Hook and Line Gear Total Allowable Catch (TAC). We on the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee would like the Board of Fish to provide direction/authority to the department so that, in such years, they may make “In Season Management” decisions to allow full utilization of the 20% of the TAC allocated to Sport Anglers.

**PROPOSED BY:** Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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