

Proposal 151

- This is not a tick for tac proposal, has nothing to do with set netters can't fish so in river shouldn't either.
- This is about protecting spawning kings so that all user groups have the ability to harvest these fish again
- There were 393k angler days on the Kenai River last year. Per the department the information on how this is broken down between motorized and non-motorized is currently not definable. For the sake of this proposal I'm assuming the number falls between 30-50% but would welcome clarity on this if board members or members of the public have information on this number.
- The study I've previously referenced in "The journal of Acoustical Society of America" on noise pollution from rigid hull inflatable vessels, shows that there is an excessive pressure on spawning grounds and transiting fish from noise pollution, despite fishermen not specifically targeting the spawning kings
- 4% of kings spawn below the king counter. These fish are never afforded any respite from non-motorized activity with additional pressure from dip netters transiting the area
- Additionally 40% of of kings are main stem spawners that spawn below the Soldotna Bridge. These fish are also never afforded any respite non-motorized activity.
- I also want to reinforce that this does not restrict opportunity, it likely will have some unknown impact on the efficacy, but the opportunity remains the same. This is a very important point. It does not restrict opportunity.

Lastly I would like to reinforce the point that the study I have submitted is peer reviewed which means that the results and methodology are incontrovertible from a scientific prospective. And I would encourage the department to open up their own studies and those of Kintama to ensure the data and methodology is beyond reproach to ensure that this board has the best available science in front of them.

Furthermore this proposal does not restrict dip netters, adf&g vessels or any one else specifically not intending to partake in a commercial fishery.