

PROPOSAL 100

5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows:

Move the marker from its current location [(River Mile 24.25)] downstream to 58°37'04" North, 156°34'31" West.

This location also coincides with a Borough access road and recreational use area referred to as Rainbow Bend, allowing for it to have a prominent placement and easy to see from the river.

Replace all text throughout 5 AAC 67.022 that refer to the rapids camp marker as [(River Mile 24.25)] with 58°37'04" North, 156°34'31" West or using the appropriate river mileage such as (River Mile 23)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like the board to consider moving the current regulatory marker located on the Naknek River at Rapids Camp (River Mile 24.25) downriver approximately 1.2 miles. Historically, kings have used this area to spawn. Currently open to sport fishing, it is a heavily fished area and the last spot kings can be caught before they reach the protected spawning area designated by the current marker. By moving current ADF&G marker downriver, it would add a layer of protection to kings staging to spawn.

The benefits of moving the marker are twofold. Moving this marker downstream will also protect trout that spawn below the marker. The river is closed to sportfishing from April 10th through June 7th to protect spawning trout between the ADF&G river mile 24.25 marker and the ADF&G marker located at Trefon's Cabin (outlet of Naknek Lake). Moving the Rapids camp marker downriver will allow for the trout spawning below the current regulatory maker to have the same protection.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes, I have worked with one other AC member to write this and recieved feedback and support for this proposal from other operators and local anglers.

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