

PROPOSAL 177

5 AAC 75.XXX. New Section.

Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows:

Proposed Amendment to 5 AAC 75.0XX – Marine Fishing Vessel Bag Limit

- (a) As a group, individuals fishing on marine waters holding a valid Alaska sport fishing license or otherwise exempt from licensing requirements may **take*** the total legal limit of fish equal to the cumulative daily bag or possession limit for all licensed or exempt individuals present.

**(Alaska Statute 16.05.940(35)- "taking, pursuing, hunting, fishing, trapping, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, hunt, fish, trap, or in any manner capture or kill fish or game."*

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current Alaska sport fishing regulations restrict daily bag limits to individual anglers. This presents challenges to groups that are required to manage their catches separately, regardless of ability, age, or circumstance. Where sportfishing in Alaska serves both as a food source and recreation and is often done in groups with differing skills, physical capabilities, and recreational fishing goals, anglers should be allowed to pool their daily bag and possession limits.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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