

PROPOSAL 34

5 AAC 01.180. Subsistence fishing permits; annual limits for salmon.

Reduce the subsistence fishing annual limit for Pilgrim River king salmon, as follows:

In coordination with management practices for the conservation of the Pilgrim River king salmon stock, it is recommended to reduce the annual limit of king salmon from three fish to one fish. Regulatory language would suggest as follows:

(g) In the Port Clarence District, in the following waters, the annual limits for salmon are as follows:

(1) in the Pilgrim River, the annual limit for

(A) king salmon is one fish

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The northern latitudinal limit for king salmon is near southern Norton Sound, however, king salmon are present in the Pilgrim River, Port Clarence District in small numbers. The five and 10-year average for king salmon escapement on the Pilgrim River is 30 and 55 kings, respectively. Current regulations in the Port Clarence District for the Pilgrim River state that the annual limit for king salmon is three fish. Pilgrim River continues to exhibit a low abundance of king salmon due to overall production of the stock. This proposal would address management actions to reduce king salmon retention through subsistence practices to conserve and sustain what stock is available.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This proposal has been endorsed by the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee.

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