

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
CHARGE TO THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN TASK
FORCE
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PROBLEM STATEMENT: The sport fishery exceeded its 20 percent allocation in each of the two years that the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5AAC 47.055) has been in effect. Overages by the sport fishery were anticipated at abundance index levels of 1.1 - 1.2, and the management plan calls for these overages to be paid back in years of higher abundance. However, the magnitude of the sport overages was greater than expected and have contributed to Alaska exceeding its all-gear harvest quota established by the Pacific Salmon Treaty, as well as causing greater than anticipated reductions in the level of harvest by the commercial troll fishery.

TASK FORCE PURPOSE: The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan Task Force is established to recommend changes to the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Minimize regulatory impacts on resident anglers.
2. Develop management options to reduce harvest by nonresidents and guided anglers in years of low abundance to stay within the sport allocation.

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP: The task force will be composed of Board Member Larry Engel and approximately ten sport fish charter operators, lodge owners, and resident anglers representing all major geographic areas of Southeast Alaska. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will assist the task force by providing a meeting space and any requested information about the fishery or projected effects of proposed regulations. Task force members are responsible for their own travel and per diem costs.

TIMELINE:

January - March 2002

Task force meets in Juneau.

Task force (or ADF&G) submits a proposal for modification of the King Salmon Management Plan.

April 2002 - January 2003

Task force continues to meet via teleconference and email to finalize recommendations.

February 2003

Task force recommendations are presented to the Board of Fisheries at the Southeast Finfish meeting in Ketchikan.

Adopted: Jan 14, 2002
Anchorage, AK


Ed Dersham, Chair

VOTE: 6-0-1 absent