

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Policy #79-44-FB

DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED DERBIES

The Board of Fisheries, in December 1978/January 1979, adopted regulations prohibiting "...sport fishing from salmon hand troll or power troll vessels, as those vessels are identified by the marking requirements of 5 AAC 39.270 (c) and (d), in any area, except that this prohibition does not apply:


1. to charter vessels as defined in 5 AAC 72.040(27); and
2. in derby areas during derbies authorized by the Department."

The Department of Fish and Game may issue a permit to a qualified fishing derby association, to sell sport-caught fish obtained as a direct result of a fishing derby. (AS 16.05.662)

The Department has issued in the past, a permit to those established derby associations that have historically conducted a "community" established derby which has dedicated the proceeds from the sale of sport-caught fish in compliance with the provisions of AS 16.05.940(24)(25).

In meeting the intent of the Board of Fisheries to curtail the use of registered salmon hand troll and salmon power troll vessels in the sport fishery in Southeastern Alaska the following policy is adopted:

1. An authorized derby shall be a derby which has historically filed an application with the Department to sell derby-caught sport fish for a recognized public benefit purpose.
2. No new derbies will be granted authorization under terms of this policy.
3. Any organization which has been granted derby authorization under terms of this policy which fails to hold a derby for two consecutive years will be ineligible for future derby permits.
4. On application, each permit applicant shall specify the derby area desired by indicating boundaries. The boundaries requested may be approved or modified at the Department's discretion.
5. Reports of effort (number of participants), catch by species, weights by species, and other information requested by the Department must be provided within 30 days of the termination of the derby or the permittee will be ineligible for future derby permits.



Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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