

PROPOSAL 10

5 AAC 58.060. Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.

Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery as follows:

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(a) The purpose of the management plan under this section is to meet the Board of Fisheries' goal of slowing the growth in the sport harvest of king salmon in the salt waters of Cook Inlet during the winter, which occurs from September 1 through March 31.

(b) In the winter salt water king salmon sport fishery in Cook Inlet

(1) the guideline harvest level is 4,500 king salmon;

(2) the sport harvest will be estimated annually by the department's statewide harvest survey;

(3) [THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR KING SALMON IS TWO FISH] **Limit of 2 per day 4 in Possession with an annual harvest limit of 10 King Salmon per person from September 1st to March 31st.**

(4) the annual limit and harvest record specified in 5 AAC 58.022 does not apply.

(c) For the purposes of this section, Cook Inlet consists of the salt waters of Cook Inlet west of the longitude of Gore Point at 150° 57.85' W. long., and north of the latitude of Cape Douglas at 58° 51.10' N. lat., including all of Kachemak Bay.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The GHL of 4,500 Chinook salmon has been exceeded in the Lower Cook Inlet winter sport fishery every year since 2015. With the current status of Chinook salmon in the North Pacific we believe the responsible action is to create regulations to stay within its harvest guidelines.

PROPOSED BY: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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