

PROPOSAL 157

5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Allow anglers to fish on the Kenai River on Mondays in August and September from a guided vessel as follows:

Allow guided anglers to fish for coho salmon on the Kenai River on Mondays in August & September from a guided vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Monday closure on Coho's on Kenai river for guided anglers became a regulation around the year 2000, during conservation concerns and the department wanted to reduce the limit from 3 to 2, The guides wanted to keep the limit at 3 and in return for a Monday closure and loss of guide rod plus couple other restrictions, since that time the limit has been reduced to 2, guide numbers are substantially less, and the stocks have rebounded in the majority of years. There no longer is a justifiable reason to not allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays.

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