

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Regulation Proposal Form 2020-2021

Proposals must be received ~~Friday, April 10, 2020~~ **Friday, April 24, 2020**. *The proposal deadline has been extended given complications due the COVID-19 pandemic.*

PO BOX 115526, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5526 or FAX (907) 465-6094 or E-MAIL [dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov) or online

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.proposal&board=fisheries>

**BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

Subsistence                       Personal Use                       Sport                       Commercial

**\*Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

- Prince William Sound Finfish & Shellfish
- Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish
- Statewide Other Shellfish (excluding Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound)

**Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.**

**1. Alaska Administrative Code Number:**     5 AAC 47.020, 47.022

**\*2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

The Council recognizes that coho and sockeye salmon are the primary species targeted by subsistence users. Under the current general regulations, non-resident sport fisherman may take six coho and sockeye salmon per day, every day of the season. In contrast, an entire household of subsistence users typically may only harvest an annual limit of 20-50 fish from each of a limited number of sites. The proposed changes would put a ceiling on the annual harvest of each species by non-residents that is roughly comparable to the limits placed on subsistence households. The Council believes that the proposed limits on non-resident harvest are adequate to allow ample sport fishing opportunity for visitors, while preventing excessive non-resident sport harvest of species important to subsistence users.

**\*3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

5 AAC 47.020:

. . . the following are the general provisions for the seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits that apply to sport fishing for finfish and shellfish in the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area:

- (1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 - December 31; must be 28 inches or greater in length; the commissioner shall establish bag, possession, and annual limits, by emergency order, as specified in 5 AAC 47.055; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;
- (2) **Coho salmon: may be taken from January 1 –December 31 as follows:**
  - (A) **resident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish**
  - (B) **nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006**

- (3) **sockeye salmon: may be taken from January 1 - December 31 as follows:**
  - (A) **resident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish**
  - (B) **nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006**
- (4) salmon, **other than king salmon, coho salmon, and sockeye salmon:** may be taken from January 1 - December 31; no annual limit; no size limit; bag and possession limits, as follows:
  - (A) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish per species; possession limit of 12 fish per species;

5 AAC 47.022:

... this section contains the general provisions for the seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the fresh waters in Southeast Alaska Area.

- (b) In the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather:
  - (1) king salmon: sport fishing for king salmon is closed;
  - (2) **coho salmon: may be taken from January 1 –December 31 as follows:**
    - (A) **resident:**
      - 1. **16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish;**
      - 2. **Less than 16 inches in length: bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;**
    - (B) **nonresident:**
      - 1. **bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006**
  - (3) **sockeye salmon: may be taken from January 1 - December 31 as follows:**
    - (A) **resident:**
      - 1. **16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish; possession limit of 12 fish;**
      - 2. **Less than 16 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;**
    - (B) **nonresident: bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish; and an annual limit of sixteen fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006**
  - (4) salmon, other than king, **coho, and sockeye salmon:** may be taken from January 1 - December 31; no annual limit, no size limit; bag and possession limits, as follows:
    - (A) 16 inches or greater in length; bag limit of six fish per species; possession limit of 12 fish per species;
    - (B) less than 16 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish in combination;

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