Current Late-run Kenai River King Salmon Restrictions

A large number of restrictions are already in place for this sport fishery.

NO CHANGE

1. **By regulation:**
   - Single hook downstream of Skilak Lake.
   - 2 fish seasonal bag limits (combined early and late-run / May - July).
   - No guides on Sundays and Mondays.
   - Drift boat only on Mondays, unguided anglers.
   - Limits on guided angler hours (6 am – 6 pm; Tuesday through Saturday).
   - Tributary mouth sanctuaries (Slikok, Funny, Moose, Killey)

2. **Within the Late Run King Salmon Management Plan after RC 151:**
   - 1st step down = no bait
     (likely by EO prior to July 1 - effectively reduces harvest by over 50%).
   - 2nd step down = catch and release to assure greater than 15,000 if necessary
     (likely by EO prior to July 31 - effectively reduces harvest by over 95%).

3. **By emergency order when at low abundance:**
   - Middle river closure eliminates 60% of area open to fishing for king salmon (reduces harvest by approximately 15%).
   - Prohibit bait and restrict to single hook downstream of Slikok Sanctuary from August 1 – 15 to protect mainstem spawning king salmon (cost of 50% of coho harvest potential).

A. **Participation in the Kenai Late-run king fishery has declined by 65% as of 2013.**

	Angler Hours	
	10 year average	**2013**
Guided	90,812	21,730
Unguided	81,235	38,180
Total	172,047	59,910

B. **Management Plan revisions adopted in RC 151 will provide more commercial fishing time than was utilized in 2013.**

new net restrictions +

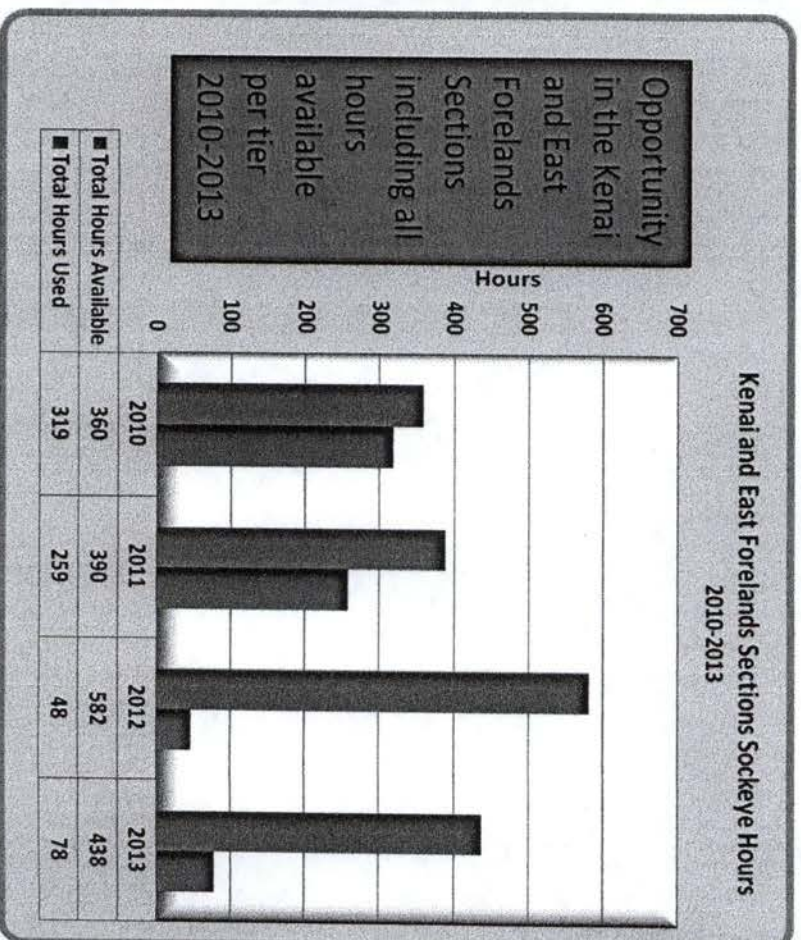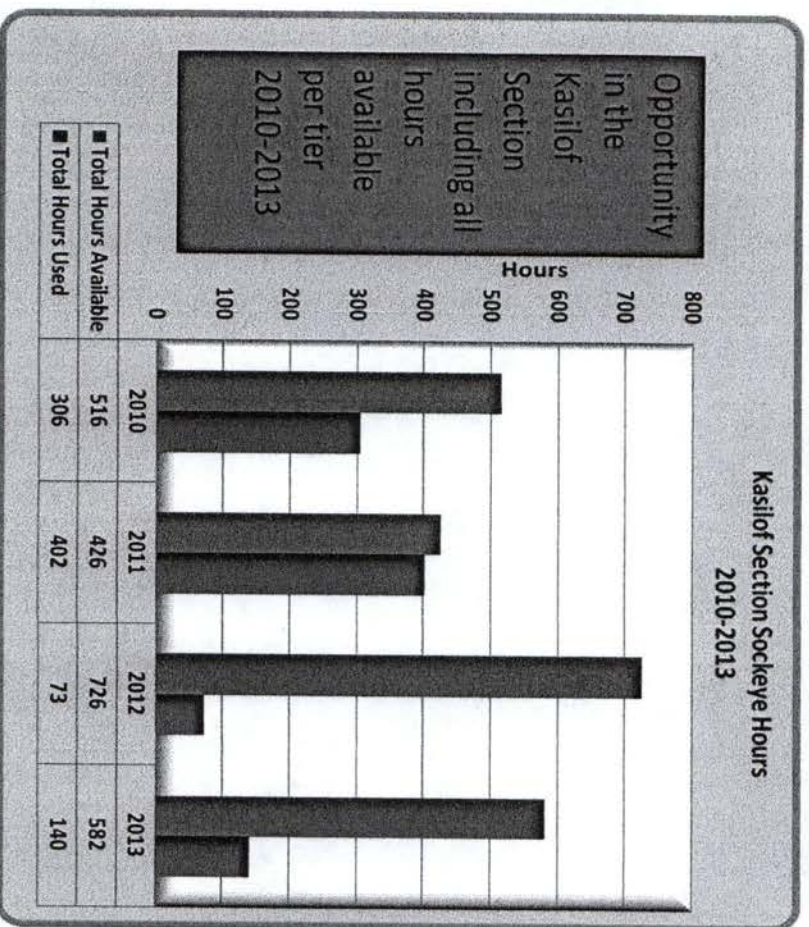|	HRS OPEN		AVAIL	AVAIL 2012	AVAIL 2013
	2012	**2013**	**NEW PLAN**		
Kenai	60 hours	78 hours	144 hours	582	438
Kasilof	85 hours	140 hours	180 hours	726	582
KRSHA	Did not use	210 hour	No limit		

AVAIL ≠ OPEN to fish

C. **Under this plan, commercial harvest of Kenai kings is expected to substantially exceed that of the sport fishery at the current Kenai late-run king run forecast (despite the sport priority for these fish).**

★ KPFA RESPONSE TO RC 269

ESSN Hours of Opportunity 2010-2013

With recent low abundance of Chinook Salmon returning to the Kenai River, the ESSN's have shouldered the burden of conservation.

Kasilof Section Sockeye Hours 2010-2013

Opportunity in the Kasilof Section including all hours available per tier 2010-2013

Hours

	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Total Hours Available	516	426	726	582
■ Total Hours Used	306	402	73	140

Kenai and East Forelands Sections Sockeye Hours 2010-2013

Opportunity in the Kenai and East Forelands Sections including all hours available per tier 2010-2013

Hours

	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Total Hours Available	360	390	582	438
■ Total Hours Used	319	259	48	78