

PROPOSAL 157

5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements.

Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July, as follows:

On the Kasilof River no guide or guide vessel may take more than one group of clients fishing from the boat per day July 1 – July 31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Increased pressure on wild Kasilof River King Salmon stocks. State wide low chinook abundance has led to regular emergency restrictions and closures to retention of king salmon on upper Cook Inlet rivers resulting in additional pressure on Kasilof River chinook stocks. It is now common for guides to take 2 groups of clients in a day. This is further compounded by the lack of an adequate method for estimating inriver escapement of wild stocks bound for areas upstream of Crooked Creek.

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