

PROPOSAL 122

5 AAC 47.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.

Prohibit the removal of king salmon from the water when retention is not allowed, as follows:

Add language to the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan that states:

"King salmon may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately when king salmon retention is not allowed."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Reduce incidental mortality of king salmon, especially for stocks of concern, when king salmon retention is prohibited by requiring anglers to release king salmon in the water immediately. This will reduce the handling of the fish and prevent anglers from removing the fish from the water. When king salmon retention is not allowed it is because the stocks need to rebuild and every effort should be made to ensure the king salmon that are caught are released unharmed.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. Territorial Sportsmen and Alaska Trollers Association asked the Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee to submit this proposal. The AC voted in support of submitting the proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-F24-162)
