

The following rewrite of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, submitted here by Amy Daugherty of the Alaska Trollers Association, has its roots in the many proposals on this subject submitted by members of the public. The plan accomplishes the following:

- 1. A two fish annual king salmon limit for nonresidents prior to June 1 and one fish thereafter, unless the commissioner determines a later date in June can be provided without exceeding the sport quota of 20 percent. (From Proposal 117, and its suggested amendment)**
- 2. Moved the resident priority clause from subsection (m) near the end of the plan to subsection (b) nearer the beginning. No change to the regulation.**
- 3. Reduced the tiers from seven to two (above and below the lowest tier). Very few regulations changed from tier to tier, and the tiers added confusion. (From proposal 109).**
- 4. Eliminated averaging. This term was never defined and meant something different to each reviewer. (From Proposal 109)**
- 5. Moved the two rods in winter to section (b), as it was in all tiers. No regulatory change**
- 6. Modified subsection (i) to accommodate only two tiers.**
- 7. Repealed the sunset. This plan comes up every three years anyway, so the sunset is unnecessary. (From Proposals 111 and 114).**
- 8. Reinserted the words "sport fishery" where previously removed without notice. (From Proposal 110)**

5 AAC 47.055 - Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan

(a) The commissioner shall establish by emergency order the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and all other necessary management measures based on the allocation to the sport fishery as determined by 5 AAC 29.060. The bag and possession limits and other management measures established by the commissioner will remain in effect until March 31 of the following year.

(b) The objectives of the management plan under this section are to

(1) manage the sport fishery to attain a [AN AVERAGE] harvest of 20 percent of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in **5 AAC 29.060** from the harvest ceiling;

(2) allow uninterrupted sport fishing in salt waters for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling;

(3) minimize regulatory restrictions on resident anglers; [AND]

(4) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in sport allocation to the troll fishery at a date determined by the department;

(5) [Moved from subsection (m)]: the department shall manage the resident sport fishery so that there are no closures for residents, unless the commissioner determines that additional harvest reduction to the resident bag limits is necessary to comply with the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and

(6) [Moved from subsection c(6)] from October 1 through March 31, a sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

(c) When the allocation of treaty king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by **5 AAC 29.060**, is greater than 19,381 [69,014] fish the commissioner may implement by emergency order the following management measures:

(1) a resident bag limit of two [THREE] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from January 1 through May 31 [JUNE 30], a nonresident annual harvest limit of two [THREE] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, unless the commissioner determines, using the best available information, that a later date in June can be selected for the annual limit reduction and still keep the sport fishery within its 20 percent quota;

(4) from June 1 through December 31 [JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 15, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;] a nonresident annual harvest limit of one [TWO] king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through May 31 [JUNE 30] will apply towards the one [TWO] fish annual harvest limit for the remainder of the year;

(5) Repealed / /25; [FROM JULY 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES

OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 15 WILL APPLY TOWARD THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(6) [Moved to subsection (b)(6)]

(d) Repealed eff. / /25. [WHEN THE ALLOCATION OF TREATY KING SALMON TO THE SPORT FISHERY, AS DETERMINED BY 5 AAC 29.060 IS BETWEEN 55,421 AND 69,014 FISH, THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPLEMENT BY EMERGENCY ORDER THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:

(1) A RESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(2) A NONRESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH

(3) JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(4) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 15, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE TWO FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;

(5) FROM JULY 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 15 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(6) [Moved to subsection (b)(6)]

(e) Repealed eff. / /25. [WHEN THE ALLOCATION OF TREATY KING SALMON TO THE SPORT FISHERY, AS DETERMINED BY 5 AAC 29.060, IS BETWEEN 42,685 AND 55,420 FISH, THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPLEMENT BY EMERGENCY ORDER THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES

(1) A RESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(2) A NONRESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3) FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(4) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 15, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE TWO FISH ANNUAL LIMIT;

(5) FROM JULY 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 15 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(6) [*Moved to subsection (b)(6)*]

(f) Repealed Eff. / /25. [WHEN THE ALLOCATION OF TREATY KING SALMON TO THE SPORT FISHERY, AS DETERMINED BY 5 AAC 29.060, IS BETWEEN 34,303 AND 42,684 FISH, THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPLEMENT BY EMERGENCY ORDER THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:

(1) A RESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(2) A NONRESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3) FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(4) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 15, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE TWO FISH ANNUAL LIMIT;

(5)) FROM JULY 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 15 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(6) [*Moved to subsection (b)(6)*]

(g) Repealed Eff. / /25. [WHEN THE ALLOCATION OF TREATY KING SALMON TO THE SPORT FISHERY, AS DETERMINED BY 5 AAC 29.060, IS BETWEEN 22,328

AND 42,684 FISH, THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPLEMENT BY EMERGENCY ORDER THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:

(1) A RESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(2) A NONRESIDENT BAG LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3) FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(4) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 7, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE TWO FISH ANNUAL LIMIT;

(5)) FROM JULY 8 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JULY 8 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(6) [*Moved to subsection (b)(6)*]

(h) [This subsection was (h)(4)] A resident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length will be established in areas where conservation management measures have prohibited king salmon retention or closed fishing for king salmon for all anglers once they reopen.

[WHEN THE ALLOCATION OF TREATY KING SALMON TO THE SPORT FISHERY, AS DETERMINED BY 5 AAC 29.060, IS BETWEEN 19,381 AND 22,327 FISH THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPLEMENT BY EMERGENCY ORDER THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT MEASURES:

(1) A BAG LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(2) FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF THREE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, A NONRESIDENT ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT OF ONE KING SALMON, 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ANY KING SALMON HARVESTED BY A NONRESIDENT FROM JANUARY 1

THROUGH JUNE 30 WILL APPLY TOWARDS THE ONE FISH ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT;]

(4) [Moved to (h)]

(i) When the allocation of treaty king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by **5 AAC 29.060**, is less than 19,381 fish, the commissioner may implement by emergency order a closure of the nonresident fishery, or bag limit, time, or area restrictions for all anglers [THE PROVISIONS SPECIFIED IN (g) AND (h) OF THIS SECTION].

(j) The commissioner may adopt regulations that establish reporting requirements necessary to obtain the information required to implement the management plan under this section.

(k) The commissioner may, by emergency order, establish that the nonresident harvest and annual limits for king salmon under this section do not apply in a hatchery terminal harvest area.

(l) A harvest record under **5 AAC 75.006** is required for nonresidents.

(m) *[Moved to subsection (b)(5)]*

(n) Repealed Eff / /25. [THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY AFTER JULY 31, 2025.]

This rewrite is submitted by a large group of resident king salmon sport fishers and by commercial trollers. It addresses the primary concern that has been eroding the resident priority set out in the Alaska Constitution. The unrestricted nonresident fishery has to be brought back within the Board's prescribed limits, wherein ALL groups participate in conservation of king salmon.