

**PROPOSAL 198 – 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area; and 5 AAC 65.022. Special provisions for methods and means in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area. Require non-retention of king salmon in the Sandy River, as follows:**

Non-retention of sport caught king salmon in the Sandy River from origination to salt water, using only unbaited single-hook, artificial lure or artificial flies year round.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Retention of sport caught Chinook Salmon on the Sandy River. Increased sport fishing pressure and retention of unknown populations of Chinook salmon on the Sandy River could negatively impact the stock.

**PROPOSED BY:** Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association & Nelson Lagoon Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F15-030)

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**PROPOSAL 199 — 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.** Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon, as follows:

5 AAC 65.020(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) other salmon, **20 inches or greater in length**, 5 per day, **10** [5] in possession; **less than 20 inches in length, 10 per day; 10 in possession**.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** General regulations for bag and possession limits of any-sized salmon other than king salmon in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area (APAIA) are unnecessarily restrictive and inconsistent with general sport regulations in the adjacent Kodiak Remote Zone (Kodiak Area). Overall angler effort levels in APAIA are among the lowest in the state and currently there is no conservation concern due to sport fishing for stocks where general bag and possession limits apply. Most APAIA fishing locations are remotely located. Increasing the possession limit from 5 to 10 fish for salmon 20 inches or greater in length other than king salmon will allow anglers at remote locations to retain two bag limits prior to processing their catch. Establishing a freshwater bag limit of 10 salmon less than 20 inches in length will increase opportunity for anglers to harvest male ‘jack’ salmon, from both natural and enhanced populations of landlocked salmon. Increasing the possession limit to 10 salmon and establishing a bag limit of 10 fish less than 20 inches in length will also align general regulations for APAIA with those currently in place for the remainder of the Kodiak Area.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-044)  
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**PROPOSAL 200 — 5 AAC 65.051. Waters closed to sport fishing in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.** Close Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries to sport fishing for sockeye salmon, as follows:

5 AAC 65.051(5) is amended to read:

(5) Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries are closed to sport fishing for **sockeye** salmon.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In 2013, the Swanson Lagoon sockeye salmon run was designated a ‘Stock of Concern’ by the department and the Alaska Board of Fisheries under provisions of the *Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries* (5 AAC 39.222.). Other salmon stocks present in the Swanson Lagoon drainage are currently considered sustainable by department. This proposal would limit the closure of the sport fishery to sockeye salmon only, and allow anglers to target other salmon species that may be present.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-045)  
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**PROPOSAL 201 – 5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.** Reduce the possession limit for coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 65.020(c) is amended to read:

(c) In the salt waters and all freshwater drainages of Unalaska Bay, [EXCLUDING THE ILLIULIUK RIVER DRAINAGE,] the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is five fish per day, five in possession, of which no more than two fish may be coho salmon and two fish may be sockeye salmon.

5 AAC 65.020(f) is repealed:

(f) **Repealed** / / [IN ILLIULIUK CREEK (ALSO KNOWN AS TOWN OR UNALASKA CREEK), DOWNSTREAM FROM ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED AT THE CHURCH HOLE, THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR COHO SALMON IS TWO PER DAY, FOUR IN POSSESSION].

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This proposal would align the regulations within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians Islands Area for Unalaska Bay salmon fisheries. The above amended provisions would clarify and standardize the other salmon bag and possession limits within the Unalaska Bay fresh and salt waters. All current regulations applicable within Unalaska Bay would remain in effect under this proposal except the possession limit for Illiuliuk Creek drainage coho salmon which would be reduced from 4 to 2 in possession.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-046)  
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