

PROPOSAL 152 – 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait, as follows:

Special Regulations

That portion of the Kenai River between ADF&G regulatory markers located at River mile 11 and River mile 12

A) May 16 - July 31

Back-trolling prohibited when bait is allowed to be used during the King salmon season. A person may not sport fish for any species from a vessel that is making upstream progress relative to the water with the aid of a motor

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? That portion of the Kenai River between ADF&G regulatory markers located at River mile 11 and River mile 12.

A) July 1 - July 31

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When this regulation was adopted it was tied with when the lower Kenai River went to bait. As the popular method to fish this area was to drift thru River mile 12 down to 11 dragging a spin n glo and eggs. There was conflict between the two different methods of fishing which led to this regulation being adopted. However, when the sport fishery is not allowed to use bait during this timeframe very few anglers choose to drift. Changing the dates for the entire King season and tying the no back-trolling to when the River goes to bait would benefit all anglers instead of the few that like to drift without bait. Remember that those that would prefer to drift can still do so in this area even without the use of bait. I would like to see the dates of July 1 - July 31 be changed to say from May 16 (this is when the Didson begins counting King salmon) - July 31 no back trolling between River mile 11 and River mile 12 only when bait is allowed.

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