

**PROPOSAL 226 - 5 AAC 61.114. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.** Create a bag limit of one hatchery king salmon in the Susitna River drainage, as follows:

Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan by adding the following provisions:

**(12) In the Susitna drainage, allow the retention of 1 hatchery produced King salmon greater than 20 inches per day. Hatchery produced King Salmon are part of the seasonal and daily bag and possession. Hatchery produced King salmon are to be tagged immediately upon retention.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Inadequate opportunity to harvest King Salmon in the Susitna drainage. The road accessible east side streams in Unit 2 have been closed to King Salmon harvest by emergency restriction consistently since 2009.

Adult hatchery produced King Salmon are present in fishable numbers in the east side streams within Unit 2.

There is a reasonable opportunity to catch a hatchery produced King salmon, that is missing an adipose fin within Unit 2. I have personally witnessed several get caught. I even witnessed at least 10 get caught in one day.

Hatchery produced King salmon should only be present for the purposes of adding additional harvest opportunity.

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