

**PROPOSAL 75 - 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.**  
Align dates anglers are prohibited from fishing from boats with rainbow trout closure, as follows:

**Change 5 AAC 57.121 (3) (A) and 5 AAC 57.121 (3) (D) as follows:**

5 AAC 57.121 (3) a person may not sport fish from a boat

(B) from **May 2** [JANUARY 1] - July 31, in the following waters:

(D) from **May 2** [JANUARY 1] - July 31, in that portion of the Kenai River from an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately three-quarters of a mile downstream from the mouth of the Lower Killey River, upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one mile upstream from the mouth of the Lower Killey River:

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The current regulations for three sections of the Kenai River currently restrict sport fishing from a boat from January 1-July 31. There does not appear to be any biological reason for these restrictions because sport fishing from shore for rainbow trout is allowed and king salmon are not present in the Kenai River until May. Changes to these regulations would not change the biological protections for king salmon or spawning rainbow trout. Aligning the proposed closure dates to be consistent with the rainbow trout closure dates, which are currently May 2 - July 31, would provide the same protections to spawning rainbow trout while simplifying the regulations.

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