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With recent changes to fisheries in the Kenai River Special Management Area, the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation would like to remind fishing guides of current regulations. Please take time and read the following to make yourself aware that the subsequent activities are illegal and violators may be cited.

Illegal King Salmon Fishing:

Targeting King Salmon during a period that is closed is illegal. Even with the decline in the King Salmon runs there are a number of resource users that still target Kings during an emergency order closure or regulation closure for King Salmon.

State Park Rangers will be conducting extra patrols during periods of time closed to King Salmon fishing. If it is determined that a guide is targeting Kings during a closed period, the clients will be sited for taking King Salmon during a closure and the guide will be charged with a misdemeanor or violation by assisting or allowing a client to violate and summoned into court. The ADF&G definition for take is: taking, pursuing, fishing, or in any manner disturbing, capturing or killing or attempting to take, pursue, fish or any manner capture or kill fish or shellfish.