

KENAI RIVER SPORTFISHERY

Current Regulations During Times of Low King Abundance

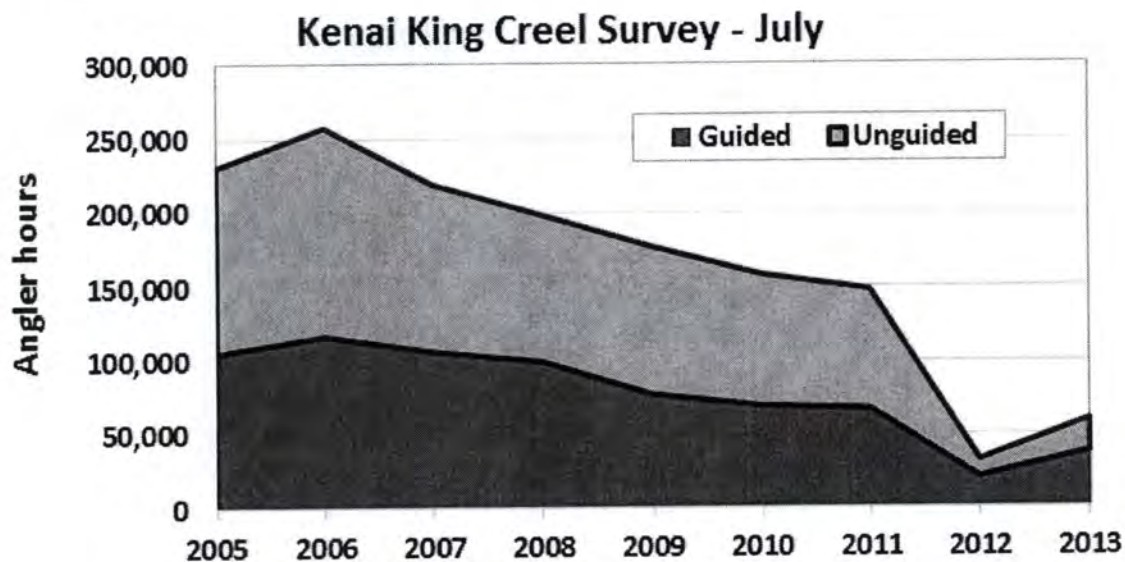
- 60 miles of river closed to king salmon fishing (Soldotna Bridge-Kenai Lake).
- Season typically starts with single hook no bait (50% reduction in fishery effort and harvest).
- Catch and release implemented where necessary (effort evaporates).
- Closure virtually always follows catch and release.
- Normal restrictions (no guides Sunday & Monday, no guides 12 hours per day, tributary sanctuaries, etc.).

Loss of Participation

- 70% decline in guided and non-guided anglers (residents included).
- 100 guide businesses gone.
- Widespread impacts to local businesses (retailers, lodging, etc.)
- Any further incremental restrictions will be a tipping point for many businesses.

Economics

- \$40 million annual expenditures by guided anglers.
- \$2.4 million annual taxes to Borough.



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