

Alaska Early Run King Salmon Survey: Draft

INTERVIEWER: SELECT RESPONDENT CATEGORY

- ☐ Alaska Local Angler
- ☐ Alaska Non-Local Angler
- ☐ Alaska Local Angler that fishes the Kenai River
- ☐ Alaska Non-Local Angler that fishes the Kenai River
- ☐ Alaska Local Angler that fishes the Kasilof River
- ☐ Alaska Non-Local Angler that fishes the Kasilof River
- ☐ Nonresident Angler that fishes the Kenai or Kasilof River
- ☐ Guide
- ☐ Business

Hello, may I speak with _____? My name is _____, and I'm calling on behalf of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to ask you some questions about the early run king salmon fishery on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. We are not selling anything and the survey will just take a few minutes. Will you help us out by completing the survey?

First, I'm going to ask you some questions about your sport fishing experiences.

Q1. Have you gone sport fishing anywhere in the past 5 years?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes **(Continue with Question 2.)**
- ☐ No **(Skip to Question 7.)**
- ☐ Do not know **(Skip to Question 7.)**

Q2. How many days total did you go sport fishing in Alaska in the past year?
_____ days

Now I am going to ask you some questions regarding the early run king salmon fishery on the Kenai River. (Early run: May 1st – June 30th)

First, let me ask you about your participation in this fishery.

Q3. In the past 5 years, did you fish for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes **(Continue with Question 4.)**
- ☐ No **(Skip to Question 7.)**
- ☐ Do not know **(Skip to Question 7.)**

Q4. Which of the following reasons best describes the primary reason why you fish for king salmon during the early run on the Kenai River?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ For food
- ☐ To catch a trophy fish
- ☐ To be with friends and family
- ☐ For relaxation
- ☐ To be close to nature
- ☐ For the sport and recreation
- ☐ Do not know

Q5. Would you say that your fishing activity for early run king salmon on the Kenai River has increased, decreased, stopped completely, or stayed about the same over the past five years? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Increased
- ☐ Decreased
- ☐ Stopped completely
- ☐ Stayed about the same
- ☐ Do not know

Q6. Have you ever fished with a guide for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q7. In your opinion, what are the greatest problems facing the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run?

Now, I am going to read you a list of issues that may or may not be a problem facing the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery.

Q8. The first is over-fishing. Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q9. What about marine intercept fisheries? This includes commercial and sport fishing within 200 miles of the mouth of the Kenai River. Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q10. What about too many guides? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q11. What about habitat loss? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q12. What about pollution? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q13. What about natural fluctuations in population numbers? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q14. What about fishing over spawning beds? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q15. What about management by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in general? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q16. What about regulations and management plans developed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q17. What about catch and release only regulations? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q18. What about harvest of trophy kings, that is, king salmon that are over 55 inches in length? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q19. What about death of fish due to catch and release? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q20. During years when escapement goals **are not** being met, what about the harvest of early run fish during the late run fishery in July? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Q21. During years when escapement goals **are** met, what about the harvest of early run fish during the late run fishery in July? Do you think this is a major problem, minor problem, not a problem at all, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Major problem
- ☐ Minor problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ Do not know

Next, I am going to ask you if you have experienced certain situations while fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run.

If you have not fished for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run in the past 5 years, skip to Question 29. Otherwise, continue with Question 22.

Q22. While fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run, would you say you have experienced interference from others while fishing frequently, occasionally, or never? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Frequently
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Do not know

Q23. Do you agree or disagree that overcrowding is a problem on the Kenai River? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q24. Have you experienced any of the following from guided anglers? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Crowding
- ☐ Boat-bumping
- ☐ Threats
- ☐ Aggressive behavior
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other _____

Q25. Have you experienced any of the following from non-guided anglers? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Crowding
- ☐ Boat-bumping
- ☐ Threats
- ☐ Aggressive behavior
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other _____

Q26. While fishing in the Kenai River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen not to fish due to the presence of too many unguided anglers? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q27. While fishing in the Kenai River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen not to fish due to the presence of too many guided anglers? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q28. While fishing in the Kenai River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen to fish on certain days or during certain times of day to fish when guides are not present? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Now I'd like to ask you some questions regarding the management of the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run.

Q29. In your opinion, would you say the total number of king salmon in the Kenai River during the early run has increased, decreased, or remained about the same over the last 10 years? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Substantially increased
- ☐ Moderately increased
- ☐ Remained about the same
- ☐ Moderately decreased
- ☐ Substantially decreased
- ☐ Do not know

Q30. Do you agree or disagree that the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River is being over-fished during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

- Q31. Do you agree or disagree that guided anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Moderately agree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Moderately disagree
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q32. Do you agree or disagree that resident anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Moderately agree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Moderately disagree
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q33. Do you agree or disagree that nonresident anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Moderately agree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Moderately disagree
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q34. Do you agree or disagree that unguided anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ Strongly agree
 - ☐ Moderately agree
 - ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - ☐ Moderately disagree
 - ☐ Strongly disagree
 - ☐ Do not know

Q35. Do you agree or disagree that the wants and needs of resident anglers are incorporated into the management of the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- “ Strongly agree
- “ Moderately agree
- “ Neither agree nor disagree
- “ Moderately disagree
- “ Strongly disagree
- “ Do not know

Q36. Do you agree or disagree that the wants and needs of nonresident anglers are incorporated into the management of the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- “ Strongly agree
- “ Moderately agree
- “ Neither agree nor disagree
- “ Moderately disagree
- “ Strongly disagree
- “ Do not know

Q37. Do you agree or disagree that the wants and needs of guides are incorporated into the management of the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- “ Strongly agree
- “ Moderately agree
- “ Neither agree nor disagree
- “ Moderately disagree
- “ Strongly disagree
- “ Do not know

Now, I am going to ask you some questions about various overall management options for king salmon in the Kenai River during the early run.

Q38. Prior to February 2002, the Kenai River Early Run King Salmon Management Plan set a biological escapement goal of 7,200 to 14,400 fish. If the upper end would be exceeded, the Plan allowed for bait in the sport fishery. If the lower end was not being achieved, the Plan allowed for either a harvest of fish 52 inches and longer or closure of the fishery. In general, do you support or oppose these regulations? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q39. In February 2002, the Alaska Board of Fisheries changed the Kenai River Early Run King Salmon Management Plan to allow for harvest of kings smaller than 40 inches before June 11 without bait, catch and release fishing with bait from June 11 through June 30, and harvest of trophy kings larger than 55 inches during the entire early run. Do you support or oppose these regulations in general?

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Due to controversy surrounding the new rules, the Board voted to reconsider management options for the Kenai River early run fishery at their March 2003 meeting. Given this, I would like to know whether you support or oppose each of the following elements of the regulation changes that occurred in February 2002.

Q40. First, do you support or oppose the harvest of kings smaller than 40 inches before June 11 without bait? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q41. Do you support or oppose catch and release fishing with bait from June 11 through June 30? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q42. Do you support or oppose the harvest of trophy kings larger than 55 inches during the entire early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Next, I would like for you to tell me if you support or oppose the following *possible* management options that could be implemented for the Kenai River king salmon fishery during the early run.

Q43. Do you support or oppose additional limitations that would further restrict the days of the week guided anglers may fish the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q44. Do you support or oppose additional limitations that would further restrict the number of hours guided anglers may fish in a day on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q45. Do you support or oppose catch and release only for residents and non-residents on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q46. Do you support or oppose catch and release only for nonresidents and some type of harvest opportunity for residents on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q47. Do you support or oppose "Resident only" fishing days on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q48. Do you support or oppose use of bait and harvesting over a shorter period, instead of a longer season without bait and without the opportunity to harvest? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q49. Do you support or oppose allowing anglers the opportunity to keep a king salmon more than 55" in length on the Kenai River during the early run? (A 55" fish is generally considered a trophy fish.) (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q50. Do you support or oppose allowing Alaska residents to fish certain days before non-residents on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q51. Do you agree or disagree that a catch and release only fishery on the Kenai River favors the guided sport fishery?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q52. Do you agree or disagree that a “stable and predictable” fishery is an appropriate goal regarding the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? By “stable and predictable” we mean that no in-season regulation changes would be necessary to properly manage the fishery. (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q53. Which of the following two management strategies do you think should be used for the Kenai River king salmon fishery during the early run:
1) Manage the fishery to be stable and predictable, that is, so that no in-season regulation changes would be necessary; or 2) Use in-season emergency orders to manage the fishery?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Stable and predictable
- ☐ In-season emergency orders
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Do not know

Q54. Do you think that the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run should be managed primarily as a trophy fishery, a harvest fishery, a catch and release fishery, or do you not know? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Trophy fishery
- ☐ Harvest fishery
- ☐ Catch and release fishery
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Do not know

Now I am going to read you a list of groups that have an interest in the early run king salmon fishery and I would like to know how high a priority each group should have with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery. Please tell if you think the following groups should have a high, medium, or low priority.

Q55. First, what about Alaskans fishing for food? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ High
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Do not know

Q56. What about Alaskans fishing catch and release? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ High
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Do not know

- Q57. What about Alaskans interested in catching trophy fish? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ High
 - ☐ Medium
 - ☐ Low
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q58. What about guides taking Alaskan anglers fishing? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ High
 - ☐ Medium
 - ☐ Low
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q59. What about guides taking nonresident anglers fishing? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ High
 - ☐ Medium
 - ☐ Low
 - ☐ Do not know
- Q60. What about non-resident anglers in general? Should they have a high, medium, or low priority with regard to the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery? (Please check only one answer.)
- ☐ High
 - ☐ Medium
 - ☐ Low
 - ☐ Do not know

Q61. Do you agree or disagree that all groups should be treated equally with regard to the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

I am going to read you a list of potential management goals and strategies for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run and I would like for you to tell me if you support or oppose each potential goal.

Q62. First, what about managing for harvest opportunities for Alaskans? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.).

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q63. What about managing for harvest opportunities for nonresidents? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q64. What about managing for trophy fish for Alaskans? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q65. What about managing for trophy fish for nonresidents? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q66. What about tourism dollars for economic benefit? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q67. What about protection of the resource? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q68. What about a stable and predictable fishery for Alaskans? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q69. What about a stable and predictable fishery for nonresidents? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q70. What about catch and release for Alaskans? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q71. What about catch and release for nonresidents? Do you support or oppose this as a management goal for the king salmon fishery on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Now I am going to read you a list of *possible* situations and I would like to know if you would be likely or unlikely to go fishing for early run king salmon on the Kenai River if each one was to take place.

Q72. First, what if the fishery was only catch and release, except for fish 55" and larger? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q73. What if the fishery was zero retention, that is, you could not keep any fish? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q74. What if you could only fish at certain times of the day? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q75. What if you could only fish certain days of the week? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q76. What if you could only fish certain weeks during the season? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q77. What if you were limited to harvesting only 1 king salmon annually of any size (current regulations allow 2 annually)? Would you be likely or unlikely to go fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Q78. Would you be likely or unlikely to plan a fishing trip if you knew there was a possibility that the Kenai River early run king salmon fishery might be closed? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Somewhat unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Do not know

Now I am going to ask you some specific questions regarding the Kasilof River early run king salmon fishery.

First, let me ask you about your participation in this fishery.

Q79. In the past 5 years, did you fish for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Early run: May 1st – June 30th)
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes **(Continue with Question 80.)**
- ☐ No **(Skip to Question 84.)**
- ☐ Do not know **(Skip to Question 84.)**

Q80. Which of the following reasons best describes the primary reason why you fish for king salmon during the early run on the Kasilof River?
(Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ For food
- ☐ To catch a trophy fish
- ☐ To be with friends and family
- ☐ For relaxation
- ☐ To be close to nature
- ☐ For the sport and recreation
- ☐ Do not know

Q81. Would you say that your fishing activity for early run king salmon on the Kasilof River has increased, decreased, stopped completely, or stayed about the same over the past five years? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Increased
- ☐ Decreased
- ☐ Stopped completely
- ☐ Stayed about the same
- ☐ Do not know

Q82. Have you ever fished with a guide for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q83. Has interference on the Kenai River caused you to fish for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run, when you ordinarily would not have done so? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q84. In your opinion, what are the greatest problems facing the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River during the early run?

Next, I am going to ask you if you have experienced certain situations with while fishing for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run.

If you have not fished for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run in the past 5 years, skip to Question 91. Otherwise, continue with Question 85.

Q85. Do you agree or disagree that overcrowding is a problem on the Kasilof River? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q86. Have you experienced any of the following from guided anglers? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Crowding
- ☐ Boat-bumping
- ☐ Threats
- ☐ Aggressive behavior
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other _____

Q87. Have you experienced any of the following from non-guided anglers?
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Crowding
- ☐ Boat-bumping
- ☐ Threats
- ☐ Aggressive behavior
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other _____

Q88. While fishing in the Kasilof River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen not to fish due to the presence of too many unguided anglers? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q89. While fishing the Kasilof River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen not to fish due to the presence of too many guided anglers? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q90. While fishing in the Kasilof River for king salmon during the early run, have you ever chosen to fish on certain days or during certain times of the day to fish when guides are not present? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Now I am going to ask you some questions regarding the management of the early run king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River.

Q91. In your opinion, would you say the total number of king salmon in the Kasilof River during the early run has increased, decreased, or remained about the same over the last 10 years? (Please check only one answer.)

- " Substantially increased
- " Moderately increased
- " Remained about the same
- " Moderately decreased
- " Substantially decreased
- " Do not know

Q92. Do you agree or disagree that the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River is being over-fished during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- " Strongly agree
- " Moderately agree
- " Neither agree nor disagree
- " Moderately disagree
- " Strongly disagree
- " Do not know

Q93. Do you agree or disagree that guided anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q94. Do you agree or disagree that resident anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q95. Do you agree or disagree that nonresident anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Q96. Do you agree or disagree that unguided anglers are placing too much pressure on the king salmon fishery on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Do not know

Next, I would like for you to tell me if you support or oppose the following *possible* management options that could be implemented for the Kasilof king salmon fishery during the early run.

Q97. Do you support or oppose allowing the use of bait to fish for king salmon on the Kasilof River during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q98. Currently, anglers may not fish for king salmon from motorized boats on the Kasilof River during the early run. Do you support or oppose this regulation? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q99. Do you support or oppose restricting some areas of the Kasilof River to only shoreline fishing for king salmon during the early run? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Q100. Do you support or oppose ONLY allowing the harvest of hatchery fish? (Hatchery fish are missing an adipose fin.) (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Moderately support
- ☐ Neither support nor oppose
- ☐ Moderately oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose
- ☐ Do not know

Finally, I just have a few background questions to help us analyze the results.

Q101. Are you a resident of Alaska? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes **(Skip to Question 103.)**
- ☐ No **(Continue to Question 102.)**

Q102. What is your state of residence? _____

Q103. Were you born in Alaska? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Do not know

Q104. What is the highest level of education you've completed? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ High school graduate or equivalent
- ☐ Some college or trade school
- ☐ College graduate
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree
- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Refused

Q105. What race or ethnic background do you consider yourself? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ White
- ☐ African American
- ☐ Native American/Alaskan native
- ☐ Asian American
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Refused

Q106. Which one of the following categories best describes your total household income last year, before taxes? (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Under \$20,000
- ☐ \$20,000 - \$39,999
- ☐ \$40,000 - \$59,999
- ☐ \$60,000 - \$79,999
- ☐ \$80,000 - \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 or more
- ☐ Do not know
- ☐ Refused

Q107. And finally, may I ask your age? _____ years old

Q108. That is the end of the questionnaire! Thank you very much for your time and input; I'd be glad to record any additional comments you may have at this time.

Q109. Observe and record respondent's gender. (Please check only one answer.)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Do not know