

PROPOSAL 149 - 5 AAC 01.710. Fishing seasons. Modify weekly subsistence salmon fishing schedule for Klawock Inlet, Klawock River, and Klawock Lake, as follows:

Change the days of the week in the Klawock River Subsistence Fishery to start at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and continue until 5:00 p.m. Saturday weekly. Closed from 5:00 p.m. Saturday to 8:00 a.m. Tuesday.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently the Klawock River Subsistence Fishery is open 8:00 a.m. Monday through 5:00 p.m. Friday. This effectively limits people who work a regular weekday job, from participating easily. The restriction was established to reduce access by off island users during the weekends. The Craig Advisory committee feels strongly that a two day break in fishing is necessary for escapement to move up the river. Adjusting the fishing to include one day of the weekend, allows for that as well as allowing more working people to fish within their schedules.

PROPOSED BY: Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F14-051)

PROPOSAL 150 - 5 AAC 01.720. Lawful gear and gear specifications. Close certain portions of the Klawock River drainage to subsistence salmon fishing with seines and gillnets in July and August, as follows:

Waters in the Klawock River drainage upstream of a point at 133° 4'57.38" W 55° 33'1.287" N are closed to the use of seines and gillnets during July and August.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This restriction is necessary for conservation of sockeye salmon in the Klawock River. The sockeye salmon population in the Klawock River is at a very low level and the use of seine and gillnet gear in this area during July and August poses an unacceptable management risk of unknowingly overharvesting this resource.

PROPOSED BY: Southeast Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (HQ-F14-024)

PROPOSAL 151 - 5 AAC 01.725. Waters closed to subsistence fishing. Close Klawock River to subsistence salmon fishing upstream of the Klawock River Bridge, as follows:

Closing the Klawock River to subsistence fishing east and upstream of the Klawock River Bridge.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Low escapement for the Klawock River Sockeye Subsistence Fishery is a problem. Escapement was less than 1,200 fish each of the last two seasons. The escapement for 2009 was approximately 22,000 fish. Escapement is documented by weir count. A high number of fish are taken in this fishery at the river mouth where they are vulnerable due to shallow water and confined space. Klawock River

Sockeye have been an important subsistence resource for generations. The Klawock River supported the first cannery in Alaska in 1878 based on the sockeye run.

PROPOSED BY: Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F14-050)

PROPOSAL 152 - 5 AAC 01.750. Vessel specifications and operations. Repeal the outboard motor horsepower restriction for Klawock River, as follows:

Repeal the horsepower restriction on the Klawock River Subsistence Fishery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The horsepower restriction on the Klawock River Subsistence Fishery limited the people who could participate. Many people are limited to one boat and they should not be left out of the fishery. Historically the horsepower restriction was limited to keep commercial seine skiffs from harvesting fish and either overharvesting or selling fish.

PROPOSED BY: Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F14-052)
