<u>PROPOSAL 167</u> – 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late-run king salmon sport fishery is closed, as follows:

The personal use dip net fishery in the Kenai River is paired with the LR king salmon sport fishery. If the LR king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai River is completely closed then the personal Use dip net fishery in the Kenai River is completely closed.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Dip netters should have paired restrictions with the sport fishery for LR king salmon in the Kenai River. The mortality for king salmon tangled in the gill net of a PU dip net and then released has not been determined. Using the precautionary principle, if the LR king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai River is completely closed then the PU dip net fishery is completely closed.

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