

PROPOSAL 204 - 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park, as follows:

Extend the Kenai River personal use boat fishery farther upstream (to Cunningham Park).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide additional area for personal use fishing from a boat.

Currently, little sport fishing occurs below Cunningham Park without bait with current low participation. The king sport fishery in this area is only viable in years when water conditions just right. This area is within the Kenai River Special Management Area, where boat motors while fishing are restricted to 50 hp or less. Extending the PU boat fishery up to Cunningham Park would provide additional area for boats with the hp restriction to fish and reduce congestion in the area from the Kenai City Dock up to the KRSMA boundary at RM 4.

PROPOSED BY: Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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