

PROPOSAL 207 – 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dipnetting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 77.540(c)(2)(C) is amended to read:

(c) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers as follows:

...

(2) in the Kasilof River, as follows:

...

(C) from **a line across the [ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED ON THE COOK INLET BEACHES] outside of the terminus of the river beginning from an ADF&G regulatory marker on the north shore beach at 60° 23.25' N. lat., 151° 17.98' W. long. to an ADF&G regulatory marker on the south shore beach at 60° 23.27' N. lat., 151° 18.64' W. long.** upstream for a distance of one mile.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The seaward boundary outside of the terminus of the Kasilof River is not clearly defined as a straight line between two Alaska Department of Fish and Game markers. As a consequence personal use dip net fishery participants may unknowingly dip net in waters closed to personal use fishing during lower stages of the tide because the seaward boundary as currently defined is difficult to enforce.

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