

**PROPOSAL 235 - 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.** Increase the hours open to fishing on Cottonwood Creek, as follows:

Amend the daily hours where salmon fishing is allowed as follows:

. . . , but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of [6:00 A.M. AND 6 P.M.] **5 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Silver and sockeye salmon stocks in Cottonwood Creek are healthy enough that they can once again support a few more hours fishing time in the sport fishery. The fishery is currently open to salmon fishing only in a small section nearly all of which is intertidal. Longer hours of daily fishing time allow anglers to fish throughout the day under less crowded fishing conditions. This fishery is currently open only two days per week, so there is adequate time for salmon to migrate upstream into waters closed to salmon fishing.

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