

PROPOSAL 188

5 AAC 77.683. Personal Use Fishery Management Plan for the Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka, and Ketchikan Road Systems.

Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 77.683 is amended to read:

Salmon streams flowing across or adjacent to the road systems of Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka, and Ketchikan support only limited runs of salmon. Harvestable numbers of salmon in excess to the spawning escapement needs for those streams are normally of such a small magnitude that these numbers alone are not sufficient to support the consumptive demands of those communities. Therefore, the department shall not issue permits which allow the use of nets for streams along the road systems of those communities **with the exception of Ketchikan Creek where hatchery-origin fish may be harvested.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Deer Mountain Hatchery located on Ketchikan Creek in downtown Ketchikan is operated by the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. This hatchery has annual returns of king salmon, some of which escape saltwater fisheries and are surplus to the needs of the hatchery. Current regulations prevent a personal use fishery targeting these excess hatchery fish.

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