

PROPOSAL 185

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 77.682 (k) The Department shall issue permits allowing personal use fishing for salmon with efficient gear types, such as drift gill nets and multiple line troll gear, in all districts open to commercial salmon fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide SE Alaska residents "fair and reasonable" opportunities to efficiently fulfill their personal use salmon needs, as required by AS16.05.251(d).

Contrary to statute, and while failing to act in the broad public interest.....

The Board currently prohibits all personal use fishing for both king and coho salmon in SE Alaska (5AAC 77.682 c).

And.

The Board provides no, or very little, personal use fishing opportunities for pink, chum, and sockeye salmon in SE Alaska.

PROPOSED BY: Mike Fox

(EF-F17-011)

PROPOSAL 186

5 AAC 77.027. Prohibitions for use of personal use-taken shellfish.

Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise, as follows:

(a)(3) shellfish is to be consumed by the client or guest or is consumed in the presence of the client or guest. **A "guest" is defined as a person(s) who is not providing payment for any service rendered before, during, or after being considered a guest.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? A commercial establishment has been claiming to be providing shellfish to their "guests" (who are any patrons of the bar) that were harvested under personal use regulations. Local Fish and Game enforcement has said it is a grey area because the owner of the establishment is present and his patrons are his guests.

PROPOSED BY: Susan Doherty

(EF-F17-115)

PROPOSAL 187

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River, as follows:

(i)(3) We recommend that the right to fish between the Craig-Klawock Highway Bridge and the Klawock River with subsistence beach seines be restored. We recommend that the Alaska Board of Fish make a priority of restoring the great salmon runs that Klawock elders remember.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The area in which subsistence beach seining in the Klawock River watershed is permitted has been diminished in recent years by prohibiting fishing in the area between the Craig-Klawock Highway bridge and the Klawock River.

Why it needs to be addressed: The remaining fishing area below the bridge is limited, and catches in recent years have been drastically reduced. Klawock subsistence fishers have the dilemma of, on the one hand, wishing to increase the escapement, and therefore the sockeye runs, and on the other hand, having an immediate need for sockeye every year for the following winter.

PROPOSED BY: Klawock Tribe (EF-F17-105)

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.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F17-112)

PROPOSAL 189

5 AAC 77.XXX. Personal use aquatic plant fishery.

Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:

Aquatic plants may be harvested by hand for personal use at any time and there are no bag or possession limits except that:

- (a) **within the Ketchikan nonsubsistence area defined in 5 AAC 99.015(1) there are no harvest limits, except that:**
 - (1) **along the shoreline adjacent to the Ketchikan road system, the daily harvest and possession limit is 10 gallons of attached aquatic plants.**
 - (2) **there is no limit to the harvest of detached aquatic plants on the beach adjacent to the Ketchikan road system.**

- (b) **within the Juneau nonsubsistence area defined in 5 AAC 99.015(2) the daily harvest and possession limit is 5 gallons of attached aquatic plants, except that:**
 - (1) **the shoreline adjacent to the Juneau road system is closed to the taking of attached aquatic plants.**
 - (2) **there is no limit to the harvest of detached aquatic plants at the daily high tide line.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations for personal use harvest of aquatic plants stipulate that aquatic plants may only be harvested according to provisions of Chapter 77; however no provisions exist in Chapter 77 for harvest of aquatic plants. Current regulations allow harvest for noncommercial use outside of nonsubsistence areas with no season or bag limit but prohibit (due to lack of provisions allowing it) personal use harvesting of aquatic plants within the nonsubsistence areas described in 5 AAC 99.015. The cities of Juneau and Ketchikan are located in these areas. Many local residents do not realize there is no provision for personal use of aquatic plants and there is likely significant harvest of personal use kelp of various species occurring illegally.

The Juneau nonsubsistence area is centered on the community of Juneau with a population in excess of 30,000, making it the largest community in the region. The aquatic plant resource is not particularly robust in inside waters around Juneau, likely due to reduced salinity from freshwater run off, and the plant population is subject to overharvest. Provisions of this proposal will allow for enforcement of sustainable personal use kelp harvests.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F17-111)

PROPOSAL 190

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage, as follows:

- (f) In the Taku River drainage, the total annual limit for each personal use sockeye salmon permit is **10** sockeye salmon for a household of 1 person and **20** sockeye salmon for a household of 2 or more persons.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current bag limits do not provide a fair and reasonable opportunity for Juneau residents to efficiently fulfill their personal use salmon needs.

PROPOSED BY: Mike Fox (EF-F17-029)

PROPOSAL 191

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June, as follows:

(h)(3) In the Taku River drainage, sockeye salmon may be taken only in waters from the Taku River Lodge upstream to the United States/Canada border and from **the fourth Saturday in June** [only from July 1] through July 31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide Alaska residents a more fair and reasonable opportunity to efficiently fulfill their personal use salmon needs and aligns better with the commercial fishery opening of the third Sunday in June in Canada and in the U.S.

PROPOSED BY: Mike Fox (EF-F17-031)

PROPOSAL 192

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11, as follows:

(h)(4) in district 11 salmon may be taken during periods closed to commercial fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide Alaska residents a fair and reasonable opportunity to efficiently fulfill their personal use salmon needs in the Juneau area by allowing drift gillnet salmon fishing in district 11.

PROPOSED BY: Mike Fox (EF-F17-033)

PROPOSAL 193

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A, as follows:

Resident personal use fishing is allow (or not restricted) in area 15 a.
Limits should not exceed reasonable household yearly consumption.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Open personal use set netting in Lynn Canal on the west side. I am proposing this issue because I have a cabin on the west side of Lynn Canal and harvesting salmon for personal use is very hard to do in that area 15 A. At this

time only drift netting is allowed 3 miles north of my cabin and only at limited times. All summer long I watch commercial fishermen set their nets in front of my cabin and they are allowed to have personal use fish. I think I should also. All Alaskans should have the right to personal use fisheries especially someone who owns land on a very remote beach in Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

PROPOSED BY: Ken Kreitzer (EF-F17-079)

PROPOSAL 194

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15, as follows:

(5) in district 15 salmon may be taken during periods closed to commercial fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide Alaska residents a fair and reasonable opportunity to efficiently fulfill their personal use salmon needs in the Juneau area by allowing drift gillnet salmon fishing in district 15.

PROPOSED BY: Mike Fox (EF-F17-034)
