

PROPOSAL 142

5 AAC 21.xxx. New section.

Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict, as follows:

Implement a new management plan, as follows:

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The purpose of this management plan is to provide a small commercial coho salmon fishery for set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict of Upper Cook Inlet. If Kenai and Kasilof river king and sockeye salmon escapement goals have been achieved, or are projected to be achieved, and notwithstanding 5 AAC 21.360(a), the fishery will be managed as follows:

- (1) The fishery will occur from August 16 through September 30;**
- (2) Fishing periods will occur on Mondays and Thursdays;**
- (3) Fishing periods will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.;**
- (4) The fishery will close when the harvest reaches 10,000 coho salmon or September 30, whichever occurs first.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like the board to consider a commercial coho fishery, for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery. This fishery would take place from August 16 to September 30. With a limit of 10,000 coho salmon, the season closure would happen if and when the limit is reached or September 30, whichever comes first.

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