

**PROPOSAL 145**

**5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**

Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15, as follows:

During Board of Fish meetings I've heard commercial fishermen say that they are over escaping Red salmon into the rivers and streams. To prevent this from being a problem I propose that instead of closing Red fishing for sport, personal use, and subsistence fisherman, on July 31st that we leave the season open for another one to two weeks or the 15th of August. With this change sport, personal use and subsistence fishermen can help commercial fishing with their over escapement problem. It will also put more fish in the freezers and on the tables of the sport, personal use and subsistence fisherman.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Over escapement of Red Salmon

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