

PROPOSAL 16

5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.

Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery, as follows:

(c) Salmon may be taken for personal use under this section only under a personal use permit issued under 5 AAC 77.015 and 5 AAC 77.525; in addition to the requirements under 5 AAC 77.015, a person

(1) shall, before a permit may be issued, show the person's resident sport fish license, or proof, satisfactory to the department, that the person is exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.400; the person's sport fish license number shall be recorded on the permit;

(2) shall record all fish harvested on the permit, in ink, immediately upon harvesting the fish; for the purpose of this paragraph, "immediately" means before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the

(A) shoreline or streambank adjacent to waters open to personal use fishing where the salmon were removed from the water when fishing from shore; or

(B) waters open to personal use fishing when fishing from a boat;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The China Poot Bay Personal Use Dipnet Fishery does not currently require a permit. The fishery appears to be growing in popularity and a permit requirement would allow ADF&G to track the effort and removals. A permit would also aid enforcement of bag limits and residency issues. Current estimates of the sockeye returns to China Poot Bay are poor and a permit would help quantify the run. Other dip net fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula require a permit.

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