

PROPOSAL 172

5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week, as follows:

Dipnet fish is open July 10-July 31st. Head of households with last names beginning with "A" through "M" shall participate in the dipnet fishery on the Kenai river on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Participants with the head of household names beginning with "N" through "Z" shall dipnet on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kenai River beaches are over congested, there is a bacteria problem primarily from the gull activity, there is a trash problem, and there are many accidents usually during the weekends on the Seward Highway.

My suggestion is to open dipnetting on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays during the season to the head of households with names beginning with A through M. Then on Sunday, Monday and Tuesdays open it for the head of households with names beginning with N through Z. This will cut the traffic, beach congestion, bacteria and trash in half on any given day.

The season dates remain the same: July 10-July 31.

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