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5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons.

Close all commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows:

For the last 8-10 years there has been less and less fish coming up the Susitna River. This has put the Upper Cook Inlet people at a very high disadvantage to put fish in their freezers and on their tables. This proposal will put a large enough number of fish into the Susitna River system so as to take all the streams up the Parks Hwy off the stock of concern list. We have gone long enough without being able to fish or feed our families. We shouldn't have to drive to the Kenai peninsula to fish. We can spread the fishing pressure out again. We shouldn't have to worry about having an accident trying to get to or from the Kenai to fish. This proposal is allocated and will help all Alaskans. It will help in bringing falling numbers of all salmon species up again. More streams produce more fish and everyone is happy.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allocation of all salmon into Susitna River drainage system.

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