

**PROPOSAL 87**

**5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan; and 5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan; 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 5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.**

Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area, as follows:

- No more catch and release of salmon.
- No more dipnet fishery.
- In Alaska, or Kenai peninsula Borough

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Red salmon/plankton eaters. They help set the pH of our oceans.

We are taking too many salmon, 6 million fish are harvested by sport fishing on the lakes and streams of the Kenai peninsula Borough, catch and release is 24/7 in this river system. We are dipnetting 7 million fish on the Kenai and Kasilof rivers, 13 million fish, the plankton eaters are what establish the pH levels of our oceans that's the entire run of red salmon.

If we continue to dipnet and fish the spawning grounds, and rest area in the river system we will lose our fish that keep the oceans pH levels safe.

- Proposed changes: no more catch and release.
- On the Kenai Peninsula Borough
- No more dipnet fishing (unregulated enforcement)
- No more dipnet fishing, there are no laws to enforce the welfare of our fish. No more dipnet net fishery on the Kenai Peninsula Borough ever.

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