

PROPOSAL 134

5 AAC 77.699. Prohibitions.

Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows:

5 AAC 77.699 (d) Prohibitions – Cannot obstruct more than ½ of the fish way:

(d) A person cannot obstruct more than ½ of a stream, creek, river, bay, or fish passageway with a beach seine, gillnet, or other man-made object.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In the past on Prince of Wales Island, personal use or subsistence salmon fishermen would obstruct large percentages of streams, rivers, or bays with personal use nets. There were no regulations preventing such actions. Concerned residents notified ADF&G commercial fish of the common practice and the lack of a regulation preventing a person from stretching a net across a stream. Other areas of the state have regulations preventing a person from obstructing more than half of a fish stream.

ADF&G commercial fish listed “A person cannot obstruct more than ½ of a stream, creek, river, bay, or fish passageway with a beach seine or gillnet” as a condition of a personal use /subsistence salmon permit. Adding this condition as a regulation to personal use and subsistence administration code will ensure in future years, the condition is not removed. Southeast Alaska has several small streams with small runs of desired salmon species. The only suggested change to the condition if passed into regulation is the addition of a man-made object. People have been observed using vessels such as a barge or sport boats in addition to their nets to capture the maximum amount of fish as they can.

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