

PROPOSAL 138

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows:

Require ADF&G to issue personal use permits for "efficient" harvest of sockeye salmon in the marine waters of the Juneau Area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently there is very little opportunity for personal use harvest of sockeye in the Juneau area. Statute (AS16.05.251) requires a fair and reasonable opportunity to personal use fish. Legislative intent is to provide fair and reasonable opportunity to personal use fish. The intent of the personal use fishing category is to provide "efficient" harvest by residents (5AAC 77.001).

Regulation 5AAC 77.682 says ...

(a) Salmon may only be taken under the authority of a personal use fishing permit.

(h) Salmon may be taken at any time except...(1) as may be restricted under the terms of a personal use fishing permit.

Yet; contrary to Legislative Intent, and the underlying intent of the creation of the personal use fishing category; ADF&G does not provide "fair and reasonable" or "efficient" harvest opportunities in the Juneau area.

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