

**PROPOSAL 109**

**5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.**

Create new set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity based on Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement as follows:

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**(d) (4) If the Kasilof River is projected to exceed the OEG of 370,000 sockeye salmon then the Commissioner may open a new area from a line drawn from Humpy Point to the Blanchard line and within one-half mile of the mean high tide line to harvest Kasilof bound sockeye excess to the goal. Setnet permit holders would be limited to one 35 fathom net with 29 meshes in depth while fishing in this new special harvest area. This area shall not include the Kasilof Terminal Area.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I have historically commercial setnet fished in the 244-31 South K-Beach area for many years. We catch predominately Kasilof bound sockeye and we do not want to see the stock collapse do to over escapement that has happened in the past from high hatchery fry releases. Please allow an addition to the KRLRK plan to harvest abundant Kasilof sockeye when the ESSN fishery is closed in order to achieve the 15,000 OEG.

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