

PROPOSAL 129

5 AAC 21.310. Fishing Seasons.

Increase Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity as follows:

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(ii) Kenai and East Foreland Sections: from July 8 through August 15, unless closed earlier by emergency order under (iii) of this subparagraph; from August 11 through August 15, the fishery is open for regular periods only; from July 1 through August 15, when the Kasilof Section is open to commercial fishing with set gillnets and the Kenai and East Forelands Sections are closed to commercial fishing with set gillnets, commercial fishing with set gillnets [MAY] **shall** be allowed within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark in that portion of the Kenai Section north of the latitude of the Blanchard Line at 60° 27.10' N. lat., and south of the latitude of the ADF&G regulatory marker located south of the Kenai River mouth at 60° 30.49' N. lat., and is not subject to the time limitations in 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3) and 5 AAC 21.360; from [JULY 1] **June 20** until the Kenai and East Foreland Sections commercial salmon set gillnet fishery open for the regular season, set gillnet gear may not exceed 29 meshes in depth and may not have a mesh size greater than four and three quarter inches during all fishing periods that are restricted to within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kasilof River continues to exceed the top end of its goal when the ESSN fishery is closed due to chinook conervation. There is an opportunity for a small section of the ESSN to harvest Kasilof bound sockeye early in the season.

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