

**PROPOSAL 130**

**5 AAC 21.310. Fishing Seasons.**

Lengthen Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing season as follows:

(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] **August 6 through August 31**, the fishery is open for regular periods only...

(iii) Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections: in the combined Kenai and East Forelands Sections, and separately in the Kasilof Section, the season will close [AUGUST 15] **August 31**, unless closed earlier by emergency order....

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Run timings for sockeye continue to trend later in the season. We see large pulses of sockeye occurring later in the year. There is also a significant lost opportunity to harvest pink salmon after 15 August. The end of the season should be framed by criteria rather than a date. The 1% rule and the harvest cap of coho salmon. If neither of the criteria are met, then the fishing season should continue since salmon don't have a calendar.

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