

**PROPOSAL 192**

**5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.** Close personal use fisheries based on commercial openings as follows:

When the Central District of the Upper Cook Inlet has hours reduced from regular periods, then the personal use fishery will immediately close until the next regular period of the commercial fleet.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** There is no right or mandate in any policy or legal document to "fill the freezer" as we often hear at Board of Fisheries meetings. The fishing licenses simply grants an opportunity to harvest. This holds true for a CFEC permit. The State doesn't bat an eye as commercial fishery closures, is somewhat reserved with sport fisheries closures, and makes no attempt to limit personal use fisheries.

The burden of conservation shall be shared by all user groups. When the commercial fleet is restricted to harvest sockeye salmon, when no other escapement goals are threatened, then the personal use fishery shall be restricted as well.

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