

PROPOSAL 195

5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

Restrict EO authority to only extend fishing time of the shore-based fishery in the Kenai River personal use fishery as follows:

Modify 5AAC 77.540 subsection (c) to read:

(A) from July 10 through July 31, seven days per week, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; the commissioner may extend, by emergency order, the **shore-based** personal use fishery to 24 hours per day if the department determines that the abundance of the Kenai River late run sockeye salmon is greater than 2,300,000 fish.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In recent years, ADF&G has been regularly extending Kenai PU fishing to 24 hours per day by E.O. While this might be workable in the shore-based fishery, the powerboat dip net fishery has no limit on size or horsepower of boat, no speed limit, and takes place inside a relatively small area in an active Port. There are countless life/safety/enforcement/noise reasons to limit hours of operation in this fishery.

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