

PROPOSAL 196

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

Prohibit personal use fishing on the Kenai River from an anchored vessel as follows:

A person may not engage in Personal Use fishing on the Kenai River from an anchored vessel. An Anchored vessel means using an anchor or any device other than oars, paddles, or outboard motor to slow or stop a boat's downstream drift.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Stop personal use fishing on the Kenai River by anchoring in primary fishing channels and obstructing an orderly fishery. This is becoming much more prevalent and starting to become a major safety issue.

There is already similar language on the Kenai River "No one may anchor a boat on the Kenai River that obstructs a primary traffic channel or drift fishing channel." This could be considered a drift fishing channel and would extend this language to the personal use fishery.

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