

PROPOSAL 198

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

Prohibit transport of Kenai River personal use fish by motorized vessel upstream of the Warren Ames Bridge as follows:

Modify 5AAC 77.540 subsection (c) to read:

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(C) from a boat, in the area from an ADF&G regulatory marker located near the Kenai city dock upstream to the downstream side of the Warren Ames Bridge, except that salmon may not be taken from a boat powered by a two-stroke motor other than a motor manufacturer as a direct fuel injection motor, **and salmon harvested in the Kenai personal use fishery may not be transported by powerboat upstream of the Warren Ames Bridge.:**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The popularity of the Kenai powerboat dip net fishery has caused a drastic increase in the number of boats transiting the river. Users with boats moored upriver transit down, and many others have started launching at upstream public access points and doing the same. This has created crowding at upstream launches, increased boat traffic, and increased boat wake from boats fully loaded with passengers, gear, and large numbers of fish trying to travel back upstream. This proposal seeks to minimize the impact of these activities while still providing reasonable access for everyone. This proposal will encourage users to utilize the numerous launches closer to the fishery, and if they don't, it will encourage them to offload fish, passengers, and gear at those facilities, minimizing the impacts of their transit back upstream.

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