

PROPOSAL 199

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

Prohibit transport of Kasilof River personal use fish by motorized vessel as follows:

Modify 5AAC 77.540 subsection (c) to read:

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(D) Salmon harvested in the Kasilof personal use fishery may not be transported by powerboat upstream of the ADF&G regulatory marker located at Kasilof RM3

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kasilof River is largely a drift fishing river, however use patterns are changing due to increased use, increased knowledge about the lack of powerboat regulations, and increased restrictions on the Kenai River. There are currently no size or horsepower restrictions on the Kasilof River, and that fact is becoming more widely known. I'd like to see more regulations limiting the use of powerboats on the Kasilof while still allowing reasonable access to the fisheries. I believe that passing a rule similar to the rule I proposed on the Kenai will decrease the number of people launching larger jet boats upriver and transiting down to the PU fishery, while still providing access for folks who have boats moored upriver or who choose to launch inflatables from the beach.

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