

**PROPOSAL 200**

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

Close the Kasilof personal use gillnet fishery when Kenai or Kasilof Rivers sport fisheries are closed as follows:

If the Kenai River is closed to the taking of King salmon or Kasilof River is closed to harvest of Native King Salmon on June 14 the personal use gill net fishery shall also be closed June 15-June25

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Closure of personal use gill net fishery June 15-25. When Kenai River is closed to taking of King Salmon or Kasilof River is closed to harvest of native King Salmon, the personal use gill net fishery on east side beach shall be closed. There is ample opportunity to obtain personal use fish using a dipnet in the Kasilof area. If not, that dip net fishery could be expanded. This would allow the department to avoid King salmon harvest in personal use fishery while still providing opportunity with dipnets. This gill net fishery was the last fishery to be implemented in Cook Inlet around 1998, yet is the only one now allowed to harvest King Salmon. This is not equitable for all other user groups and has a negative impact on the declining King Salmon stocks in all of Cook Inlet.

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