

**PROPOSAL 202**

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

Reduce the legal mesh size of a set gillnet in the UCI personal use fisheries as follows:

Change wording of:

5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan

, Section (5) (A) to: a set gill net may not exceed 10 fathoms in length, **4 & 3/4 inches** [SIX INCHES] in mesh size, and 45 meshes in depth.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This would increase catch bias toward the smaller Kasilof sockeye salmon and "two ocean" Kenai sockeye salmon. This would decrease the king salmon bycatch and the portion of the large Kenai king salmon from the early run. Also include a reporting requirement for clipped/not clipped adipose fin on king salmon to differentiate hatchery from wild run fish for king salmon.

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