

PROPOSAL 228

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

Close dipnetting in the vicinity of Anderson Creek during the personal use fishery on the lower Susitna River as follows:

5 AAC 77.540(h)(2) is amended to read:

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(2) between ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one mile downstream from Susitna Station downstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located near the northern tip of Bell Island/Alexander Creek cutoff, **excluding the waters of Anderson Creek and between markers located approximately 300 feet downstream and 50 feet upstream of the mouth of Anderson Creek is closed to dipnetting;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Anderson Creek supports a small stock of coho salmon that would be susceptible to overharvest if allowed to be targeted in the Susitna River personal use dip net fishery. Consideration for this small stock was overlooked when this new personal use fishery was implemented in 2020. The department has been issuing emergency orders to close dipnetting in the vicinity of Anderson Creek each season until a correction could be made in regulation at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

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