

PROPOSAL 229

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

Increase the number of days the Susitna River dip net fishery is open as follows:

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(h) Salmon may be taken by dip net in the Susitna River, only as follows:

(1) from July 10 through July 31, **Monday 6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m.**, Wednesday 6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m., **Friday 6:00 a.m. to 11 p.m.**, Saturday 6 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; the department may alter the time, or area of, or close the fishery, based on salmon abundance; the commissioner may, by emergency order, extend the personal use fishery through August 31 if the department projects that both sockeye and coho abundance will be above the upper end of all Susitna River escapement goals for sockeye and coho salmon;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Expand the personal use fishery in the lower Susitna River.

The personal use fishery in the lower Susitna River has been in effect for three (3) seasons. As in 2020 and 2022, this year will present six (6) days to dip net for personal use. However, over the history of the fishery, salmon are scarce until around July 17. This effectively diminishes opportunities to dip net to four (4) days per season.

Additional days in the allotted time will offer opportunities to accommodate people's personal schedules.

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