

PROPOSAL 66

5 AAC 77.591. Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal, as follows:

5 AAC 77.591 Add subsection (i) as written

(i) The department, in consultation with the hatchery operator, shall manage the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use salmon fishing through restricting time and area by emergency order to achieve the Gulkana Brood Stock escapement goal.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Prince William Sound Aquaculture has failed to achieve its broodstock goal for the Gulkana hatchery for the 8 most recent years, despite ample escapement passing the lower Copper River sonar. Many of the fish necessary to achieve broodstock are caught in the personal use fishery. We ask the board to require the department to manage to achieve this goal with input from PWSAC and grant them the necessary tools to do so. Full utilization of the Gulkana Hatchery will benefit all users over the long term.

There is precedent set in other Prince William Sound fisheries in which hatchery operators and ADFG managers consult each other to restrict fishing time for broodstock escapements goals. One Example is in 5 AAC. 24.365 part (a).

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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