

PROPOSAL 176 – 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.

Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 21.359 (e) (3) (A) if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery under (1) (A) of this subsection, commercial fishing periods **in the Kenai and Kasilof sections may be managed independently based on abundance and within each section,** with a 36-hour continuous closure per week beginning between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday, during which the number of set gillnets operated may also be restricted to either

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? 5 AAC 21.363 Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan (a) (3) in adopting the specific management plans described in (2) of the subsection the board will consider: (a) (3) (C) the various needs and demands of the user groups of the salmon resources of upper Cook Inlet: We have attempted several times in three years to get this slight requested modification in place. This would be a major improvement and an opportunity for maintaining a economically viable ESSN fishery in times of hourly restrictions. A modified plan that will maximize true abundance while still remaining in a very restrictive management plan. The current regulation does nothing for managing 49.85 statute miles of beach in a productive manner.

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