

**PROPOSAL 180 – 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area.** Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15, as follows:

5 AAC 57.180(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

**(26) on the north bank of the Kenai River, between ADF&G regulatory markers located at river mile 13.3 and river mile 14.0;**

**(27) on the north bank of the Kenai River, between ADF&G regulatory markers located at river mile 13.0 and river mile 13.2.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Management authority of these state-owned parcels of land along the Kenai River was assigned to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to implement the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council’s objective to restore, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources injured by the oil spill. The parcels are also subject to a third-party conservation easement. The warranty deed and conservation easement include restrictive covenants that prohibit public access, including sport fishing, along the Kenai River shoreline of this parcel. This proposal would implement warranty deed and conservation easement restrictions for the parcels through regulation rather than by annual issuance of an emergency order.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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