

**PROPOSAL 195 - 5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.** Remove the commissioner’s emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours, as follows:

5 AAC 77.540 (c)(1)(A) from July 10 through July 31, seven days per week, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Eliminate the Commissioner's authority to extend, by emergency order, the personal use fishery to 24 hours per day on the Kenai River.

The City of Kenai undertakes a substantial effort to respond to the personal use fishery, most of which takes place on or over the uplands, tidelands, and submerged lands owned by the City of Kenai. A component of the City's efforts to respond to the personal use fishery includes utilizing heavy equipment to rake fish-waste from tidelands, and to service beach-located solid waste dumpsters, during the period that the fishery is closed, 11PM - 6AM. There are inherent safety conflicts between personal use fishery participants and the operation of heavy equipment in a confined area during a dark period of the night/morning, during 24 hour openings of the fishery.

**PROPOSED BY:** Rick Koch - City of Kenai

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