

PROPOSAL 197 - 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries, as follows:

In the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers boats carrying personal use dip netters must be anchored, Otherwise they are trawling.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Stop trawl fishing with PU dip nets in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. The definition of a trawl is "a bag shaped net towed through the water to capture fish..." This is how dip netting on the rivers is done. Trawl fishing results in a higher mortality for king salmon. King salmon released from a trawl are more likely to die because they are tangled in the gill net of a dip net. This also gives an unfair advantage over beach dip netting.

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