

PROPOSAL 199 - 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower, as follows:

5AAC77.540 (c) Salmon may be taken by dipnet

(2)In the Kasilof river as follows

(D) A person may not dip net fish from a vessel that has on board a motor that is more than 10 horsepower, and a motor may be used only between the mouth of the Kasilof River and Trujillo's Landing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The increased use of powerboats for dipnetting on the Kasilof river, which has traditionally been a drift fishing river. Alaska DNR is constructing a large new parking lot at the Kasilof river mouth, and DNR Parks has purchased the Trujillo drift boat pull-out site - and adjacent lot, and plans to construct a full launch and parking lot. The Kasilof river has sport fishing regulations limiting the use of powerboats, however there are currently no general limitations as to boat size, horsepower, or 2/4 stroke for anything other than rod/reel fishing. This regulation would implement similar limitations on powerboat use for both sport and PU fishing, protecting habitat and preserving the quiet nature of the Kasilof river fishery.

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