

PROPOSAL 200 - 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches, as follows:

5 AAC 77.540 Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan (c) (1) (B) the annual limit is as specified in 5 AAC 77.525, except that only **10** [ONE] king salmon **under 20 inches** may be retained per household.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kenai River Personal Use (PU) fishery has been at times restricted from the harvesting of king salmon for conservation reasons. The current language allows a one king retention. There are very few restrictions for the harvesting of up to 10 kings less than 20 inches in salt and fresh waters of the state. PU fishers need consistency in there regulations. This proposal would allow up to 10 kings under 20 inches to be retained under most management plans. This proposal would apply an intensive management objective in culling the jack king from the genetic pool. In addition, defining the size of kings for retention would aid in conservation and sustainable yields.

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