

**PROPOSAL 203 - 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.** Extend season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon, as follows:

**When the Kenai River sockeye salmon escapement can be projected to exceed 1,200,000 fish, the Commissioner may open, by emergency order, the Kenai River personal use dip net season through August 10, and the Kenai River personal use limit may be increased by 10 salmon. During August all king salmon must be immediately released.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Allow personal use dip netting during August when the Kenai River sonar count is projected to exceeds 1,200,000 sockeye salmon. This allows all Alaskan residents longer opportunity to harvest their personal use fish during times of large abundance. It also provides an additional tool for keeping Kenai River sockeye salmon spawning escapements within the escapement goal range. Harvest of all species except king salmon should be allowed. This would give anglers a choice of dip netting or sport fishing. Dip netting is a valued opportunity to those who are poor at or don't have the time for lining sockeye. If there is enough salmon to have emergency commercial fishing, there is also enough salmon to allow additional dip netting opportunity for all Alaskans.

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