

PROPOSAL 101

5 AAC 21.359 Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.

Remove ‘paired restrictive’ time and gear exemption from the 600-foot commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict as follows:

In Section 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3)(F) - Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan insert the word “not” in order for the regulation to read as follows;

Section 5 AAC 21.359 – Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan

(e) In order to achieve the optimal escapement goal and provide reasonable harvest opportunity, the commissioner may, by emergency order, establish fishing seasons as follows:

(3) in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery, notwithstanding the provisions of 5 AAC 21.360(c)(1)(B), (2)(B), and (3)(B), based on the abundance of sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers,

(F) Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishing periods that are limited under this section may be limited to fishing within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark and are **not** exempt from hour and gear limitations identified under (e)(3)(A)-(E) of this section;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Currently under the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan the commissioner has the authority via Emergency Order to open and restrict fishing to within six hundred feet of the mean high tide mark, exempt from hour and gear restrictions.

Section 5 AAC 21.359 (e)(3)(F) - Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan

Section 5 AAC 21.365(c)(3) - Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan

This proposal would amend language in both management plans to require the inclusion of the six hundred foot fishing area in both hour and gear restrictions.

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