

ACR 7

Open and close the commercial set gillnet fishery within 600 feet of the North Kalifornsky Beach area independent of fishing time restrictions described in various management plans (5 AAC 21.310).

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD. 5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. The issue in this ACR is that if the 600 ft set net fishery is used on North Kalifornsky Beach (NKB), the hours fished shall not be subject to the time limitations in 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3) and 5 AAC 21.360.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Hours fished on NKB in the 600 ft set net fishery would not be subject to time limitations in 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3) and 5 AAC 21.360.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.

- a) **for a fishery conservation purpose or reason:**
- b) **to correct an error in regulation:**
- c) **to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:**
As the BOF did not give clear direction about this issue, ADF&G interpreted during the 2018 salmon season that hours fished in the NKB 600 ft fishery the hours would count against the entire Kenai Section.

This fishery was to be used to harvest Kasilof bound stocks that are abundant on NKB beaches. There are 29 beach nets that can fish this area, it was never the intent to hurt other fishermen in the Kenai Section by having these hours count against the whole section.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? The NKB fishery will be precluded from fishing Kasilof stocks that historically have been a large part of our sockeye harvest prior to BOF changes in 1999, without impacting the entire Kenai Section. The Kasilof River will continually exceed its BEG and in 2018 exceeded the OEG. Going over the goals resulted in the opening of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area in 2018.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE. If this issue is not addressed, then the current interpretation by ADF&G were these hours fished on NKB counts toward the entire Kenai section, is allocative. This proposal wants to do away with that allocative injustice.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE. N/A

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FISHERY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. I am a commercial setnetter On NKB. I have fished NKB since 1971.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING. Action was taken at the 2017 BOF to open NKB to harvest Kasilof stocks within 600 ft on NKB. It passed the BOF 7-0. Hours in this fishery were not addressed at that time. It was the intent of the proposer, myself, to mirror some of the elements that are in the Kasilof River Salmon Management plan, specifically dealing with the 600 ft fishery inn the Kasilof Section. Hours fished in the Kasilof 600 ft fishery do not count toward hours available in 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3) and 5 AAC 21.360.

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