

RC: Proposal 123: (Proposed Changes are in **Bold Text**)

Sec 16.05.251 (12) allows the Board to act on this proposal

5 AAC 21.320 WEEKLY FISHING PERIODS

(a) In the set gillnet fishery

(2) Salmon may be taken in the Central District from 7AM Monday until 7PM Monday and from 7AM Thursday until 7PM Thursday, **except in the Kalgin Island, Kustatan, Western and Chinitna Bay Sub-districts of the Central District, where salmon may be taken from 7AM Wednesday until 7PM Wednesday and from 7AM Saturday until 7PM Saturday.**

The reason to make this change is to allow the west side of Cook Inlet to have access to tenders. On days where there are big catches, the tenders are allocated to the drift fleet, making it difficult for west side fisheries to deliver high quality fish. Allowing the west side to fish off step with the drift fleet would be good for fish quality, the price of west side fish, the tenders, the docks and the processors.

(Possible Additional Language: "Management may adjust regularly scheduled set net periods in consideration of tender and processing availability.")

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