

## Kenai River Personal Use Dip Net Fishery

### South Kenai Beach Access Issue;

The City of Kenai is charging daily use fees to the public, for services rendered along the south beach of the Kenai River from Dunes Rd. to the mouth of the Kenai River. These fees are collected from the public at the only two beach access points as noted on the map. The city states that the services include access to portable outhouses, garbage dumpsters, parking, and overnight camping.

Seven individual landowners are being forced to defend against public trespass on their private property by motorized vehicles. The private property ownership of these parcels extends down to the Mean High Water mark of Cook Inlet. ( that is, the average of all the high tides of that occur during 2014 ) The actual MHW level for 2014 is 19.1 feet. There are 35 individual tides during the proposed 2014 P/U Dip Net Fishery that are above that 19.1 foot mark. This means that the city will be charging for access to parking and camping at a point that cannot be accessed, or returned from, during many long hours of each day and night. To make matters worse, there are at least 11 tides that will crest at more than 22 feet, which when combined with wind the resulting waves leave little or no parking whatsoever. Should an emergency take place during any of these 35 tides, emergency access would be limited to boat or helicopter only. We believe the city is being forced to take on undue cost and unlimited liability by providing motorized vehicles access to the south beach.

The landowners are asking the city to restrict all motorized vehicle access to the south beach dip net fishery.

For any questions regarding this notification please email;

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