

PROPOSAL 187

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River, as follows:

(i)(3) We recommend that the right to fish between the Craig-Klawock Highway Bridge and the Klawock River with subsistence beach seines be restored. We recommend that the Alaska Board of Fish make a priority of restoring the great salmon runs that Klawock elders remember.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The area in which subsistence beach seining in the Klawock River watershed is permitted has been diminished in recent years by prohibiting fishing in the area between the Craig-Klawock Highway bridge and the Klawock River.

Why it needs to be addressed: The remaining fishing area below the bridge is limited, and catches in recent years have been drastically reduced. Klawock subsistence fishers have the dilemma of, on the one hand, wishing to increase the escapement, and therefore the sockeye runs, and on the other hand, having an immediate need for sockeye every year for the following winter.

PROPOSED BY: Klawock Tribe

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