

PROPOSAL 16

Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth ~ Only Fishery.

- This would expand the boundary of the Youth Fishery from the mouth of the Ninilchik River upstream to approximately 2 miles to the ADF&G boundary markers.
- Currently the Youth Fishery (Kid's Day) is only allowed from the mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge Hole.
- This area open for our youth is a fairly small area with only 4-5 holes.
- Expanding the boundary upstream to the 2 mile marker will add an additional 10-12 holes for our youth fish in.
- This will provide a more safe and enjoyable experience for our young fishermen.
- The safety issue involving new and unskilled fishermen will be reduce by not being crowded into the current few holes of the lower river.
- Regulations will be simplified because they will be aligned with the regular king salmon sport fishery.
- ADF&G 's strategic management goals are to increase interest, enjoyment and participation of fishing by Alaskan youth
- We need need this new group or class of fishermen to replace the Baby Boomers, such as myself, who are being timed out by Father Time.



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