

I propose an amendment to Proposal 198 to change the language to “Upstream of Cunningham Park” replacing “upstream of Warren Ames Bridge”.

I strongly oppose Proposal 198 overall but if it is to pass allowing boaters to unload people and fish at Cunningham Park and just upstream of the Warren Ames Bridge makes sense. For a boater not taking out below the Warren Ames bridge It is practically impossible to offload fish at the Kenai city dock, due to their rules and procedures at the dock. It is also very difficult to offload people and fish below Warren Ames Bridge at the Fish and Game access point, this area is suction mud and has active shore dipnetters in the water creating boat landing conflicts. Currently most people who offload fish and people before they head upstream to where they launched do so just upstream of Warren Ames Bridge where there is a better gravel shoreline and at Cunningham Park.

I feel this proposal discriminates against resident boat dipnetters and is being used by the proponents many who are guides taking non-residents sockeye fishing, so they do not have to compete at the boat launches for the limited parking/launch spaces with this user group. This proposal if passed would displace and discriminate against one user group for another user group's convenience. I'm sure a proposal stating “a guide boat cannot return to the launch they launched from if they have fish on board” would not go very far.

Thank you,

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