

Responses to proposals

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Proposal 195- I oppose this proposal. Suggest placing larger dumpsters and more of them to help mitigate having to service them daily. The times I have been on the beach there was not enough capacity for the trash that was dumped. Instead of using large equipment to clean fish waste, appoint a park volunteer to regulate the fish waste and to assist Kenai police department in enforcement of the laws. The city of Kenai allows camping on the beach and there are always young children and pets running around all hours of the night using the facilities.

Proposal 196- I oppose this proposal. The net is not attached to the vessel only the frame and the net is still operated by hand.

Proposal 197- I oppose this proposal. Anchoring vessels at low tide in the main channel would create a huge safety issue with larger vessels attempting to navigate the water way to either dock or unload catches. This proposal would be a disaster for the Coast Guard and local fire and rescue. If vessels drag anchor they could damage the river bed. The vegetation anchors the dunes, which in turn anchor the river beds. The dunes help prevent flooding and erosion and provide habitat for birds and animals.

Proposal 198- I oppose this proposal as the net web size has always been 4.5 inches. By using smaller mesh size the trout population would then be targeted and possibly damaging trout populations. If the mesh size was set to a smaller size it would not allow the smaller species to go thru the net. Trout are already protected and limits and seasons are already regulated.

Proposal 199- I partially oppose this proposal. Regulate horse power restrictions on the river from the bridge to a location just above the new boat launch area. The lower portion would be restricted like the Kenai as far as four stroke only and limit horse power to 50.

Proposal 200-This should be the call of state biologists. Not sure if the small size of a jack actually only produces small fish in return. I defer this to the experts.

Proposal 201- I am good with using a physical feature instead of signs.

Proposal 202-I believe the Department of Fish and Game can do this with an emergency order. Not sure we need to change the regulation to allow for extending the season as the count allows.

Proposal 203 is just like 202.

Proposal 204- I agree with this proposal. This would open additional waters to fish, relieving congestion at the lower end by the Kenai dock.

Proposal 205- This could lead to illegal trespassing on private property and possibly habitat restoration projects along the river banks. No reason to compete with the tourist fishing along board walks.

Proposal 206- Partially agree with this proposal. We have always been able to clip tails prior to storing fish in totes. This should not be a part of the proposal as its not warranted. But allowing the use of the restrooms at Cunningham park and the bridge would allow people to continue fishing without marking the catch record for the day. I agree if they plan to unload catch at either location then the rule should be-mark the catch for the day on your permit and follow transportation of the catch per the regulation as it stands.

Proposal 207- I am good with the Department of Fish and Games proposed boundary as stated.