

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Payton

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Substitute Language for Proposal 114:

**5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.**

(f) The commissioner may, by emergency order, open the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) to the taking of salmon by gillnets when it is projected that the Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement will exceed 365,000 fish. It is the intent of the Board of Fisheries (board) that the KRSHA should rarely, if ever, be opened under this subsection and only for conservation reasons. Before the commissioner opens the KRSHA, it is the board's intent that additional fishing time be allowed in the remainder of the Kasilof Section first, and secondly that the mandatory closures specified in regulation be reduced in duration, if necessary to meet the escapement goals contained within this and other management plans. The Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is defined as those waters within one and one-half miles of the navigational light located on the south bank of the Kasilof River, excluding waters of the Kasilof River upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers located near the terminus of the river and waters open to set gillnetting under 5 AAC 21.330(b)(3)(C)(ii) and (iii). The following apply within the special harvest area when it is open:

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**(9) Except for nets which may not be in the water after the closure, set gillnet gear, including running lines, shore leads, anchors, and buoys must be removed from the water and the beach no more than 4 hours after the closure of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area, and may not be placed back in the water or on the beach prior to the next opening of the Kasilof Special Harvest Area.**