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Proposed new language for Proposal 241

<u>5 AAC 77.5XX</u>. Personal use aquatic plant fishery. In the personal use taking of aquatic plants,

- (1) Within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area defined in 5 AAC 99.015(3), the harvest of aquatic plants is closed except that
 - (A) from January 1 through April 30 and September 1 through December 31 aquatic plants that have been naturally dislodged from the substrate and located at or above the daily high tide line may be harvested by hand;
 - (B) daily harvest limit of 10 gallons per person;
 - (C) no permit is required.

Proposed substitute language

- **5 AAC 37.320 Noncommercial harvest and possession limits for aquatic plants.** (a) Outside of the nonsubsistence areas defined in 5 AAC 99.015, there are no harvest or possession limits for the noncommercial harvest of aquatic plants, except that in the portion of the Cook Inlet Area described in 5 AAC 21.200, that is outside of the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, the daily harvest and possession limit for aquatic plants is **10 gallons** [10 POUNDS WET WEIGHT].
 - (2) [FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "WET WEIGHT" MEANS THE TOTAL COMBINED WEIGHT OF THE AQUATIC PLANTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HARVEST.]