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5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods; 5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan; 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan.

Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week, as follows:

Establish in all management plans that the commercial fisheries will fish on two regular 12 hour fishing periods per week.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The commercial fisheries is the only indicator and calibration of the test boat of the run strength and salmon species on a real time bases. Without regular 12 hour fishing periods the Department is basically managing blind as to the abundance. The fishery has numerous years of management without regular periods and the results have been consistent over-escapement of all species and lost harvest of surplus salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F19-102)
