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My wife and I have lived on the lower Kasilof river since 1976 (Her) + 1985 (Me).

Charley McCrone

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I have used and kept a small motorized boat on the bank of our property since 1987.

This land owner does not speak for, or, represent my interests.

January 10, 2020

Dear Neighbor,

(907) 252-5318 Veeva Noble
aka Routhgeb

As a fellow property owner on the River, you probably agree that it is a magical place with a priceless resource- the bright Salmon that return every year to complete their life cycle. We have an awesome responsibility to protect them and to pass this amazing place and incredible resource on to the next generation. I have submitted the following proposal to restrict power boats on the main stem Kasilof River as follows.

PROPOSAL 169

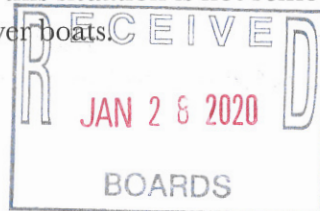
5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15, as follows:

"From Jan 1 to Sep 15 motors will be prohibited from the ADEG regulatory market located approximately three miles upstream to the start of Silver Salmon Rapids. Only non- motorized boats will be allowed from the Sterling Highway bridge to the head of Silver Salmon Rapids."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In the last few years, the use of motors on the upper and lower Kasilof River has increased dramatically. Guides on the upper river are racing downstream in order to complete two sockeye charters in the same day. Residents and guides are launching at the bridge and powering down to the river mouth to dip net. Both groups are motoring through the same narrow channels that the second run Kings are attempting to use for their migration to the spawning grounds. As the Kenai fishery continues to implode, the Kasilof is experiencing pressure far beyond its ability to continue to be managed in a manner to provide a sustainable harvest for both Kings and Sockeye. The benefit to the motorized user group is far outweighed by the deleterious results accrued to the migrating Salmon. As pressure on the Kasilof increases, this situation will only become worse, and the time to address it is before the fishery crashes. Drift boats fishing for Kings are negatively impacted by the power boats, and it is only a matter of time until collisions occur if this situation is not remedied. The Kasilof is too small to allow the use of unrestricted power boats.

END OF PROPOSAL



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You can submit a comment in support of Proposal 169 via the following link:

<https://adfgcomments.psmfc.org/Meeting/Details/1086>

Alternate methods:

Mail

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Comments via mail must be received (not postmarked) by the due date.

Fax

(907) 465-6094

Comments must be received by January 23.

The Board of Fisheries will vote on this proposed regulation change on February 7. Without a significant amount of public support, it will be tossed aside with the other rejected proposals. Please take a few minutes to contact them and express your opinion.

In the end, this is not a matter of whether or not an individual has a God-given right to drive a motor boat up the river. It is a matter of us being responsible stewards of a precious resource and passing it on intact to the next generation.

We have all seen how the unrestricted experiment on the Kenai has been working out. Let's prevent it from happening on our river, while we still can.

Respectfully

Charley McCrone