

PROPOSAL 141

5 AAC 77.682. Personal use salmon fishery.

Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows:

5AAC 77.682(h) Salmon may be taken anytime except

(4) in commercial fishing district 11B, sockeye salmon may be taken only during periods closed to commercial fishing.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Provide Juneau area residents a fair and reasonable opportunity to personal use fish for sockeye salmon. And, to provide a personal use sockeye fishery in marine waters.

Juneau Residents are precluded from Federal subsistence fisheries, and the State has designated Juneau area waters as non-subsistence.

5AAC 77.001 states the intent of the personal use category is to provide "efficient" harvesting by residents precluded from subsistence fisheries. AS16.05.251(d) requires "fair and reasonable" personal use opportunities. Legislative Intent is to "require" the Board of Fish to provide "fair and reasonable" opportunity for personal use fishing. See e.g. 1985 House J.584-585, 920-921, 1230-1231 (letters of intent) secs, 3. 11. ch.52 SLA 1986.

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