

Amended language for Proposal 159**Submitted by: Monte Roberts***Purpose*

To provide the Department with the tool to establish a buffer in the saltwater around the mouth of a freshwater tributary through which salmon would pass to reach a stream suffering from extreme low abundance.

For instance, the Kasilof River was closed in 2022 to sport fishing for king salmon during the first two weeks of July to provide protection for king salmon. However, the commercial set net fishery continued to be prosecuted in marine waters nearby.

Proposal

Close waters to commercial fishing with gillnets for salmon within 5 miles on either side and 2 miles offshore from the mouth of freshwater salmon stream that has been closed by emergency order to sportfishing.