

Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission

Re: Proposal 72

We would like this proposal to be effective only through July 19, which is the closure date for Chinook salmon retention. We believe this would be adequate to deter heavy fishing pressure from outside of the basin during critical times for Chinook passage.

5 AAC 52.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River, as follows:

5AAC 52.023 (9)(x) Close Gulkana River to fishing on or before July 19 for Chinook and sockeye salmon by emergency order when water temperature at the Sourdough station exceeds 18 degrees Celsius (C) at any time during a 24-hour period for 3 consecutive days or exceeds 20 degrees

C. Fishing may resume when stream temperature recedes and does not reach 18 degrees C at any time for 2 consecutive days.