

PROPOSAL 31

5 AAC 01.175. Waters closed to subsistence fishing.

Expand waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon in the Sinuk River, as follows:

5AAC01.175 Waters close to subsistence fishing

- (1) The following waters are closed to subsistence fishing for salmon, except when fishing with a hook and line attached to a rod or pole:**
- (2) the Sinuk River upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker located at the confluence of [Boulder] Camp Creek;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The net fishing closure for subsistence salmon fishing needs to be extended downstream for safety and conservation reasons. The Sinuk River is a swift, difficult river to run nets in. Avoiding conflicts among fishers in chutes and riffles has been a problem. The original direction by the BOF was to close potential chum salmon spawning beds. Moving the netfishing area to below Camp Creek meets both those goals.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes, there was confusion about the original proposal brought by one of the NNSAC members and this idea was endorsed unanimously by the AC.

PROPOSED BY: The Northern Norton Sound F&G Advisory Committee (EF-F26-123)
