

Chairman Johnstone and Board Members,

I would like to see the Board address the following in **5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.:**

The Personal Use Salmon Fishery opening July 10 or after the escapement into the Kenai River reaches 350,000 escapement whichever comes later. On years of low sockeye returns this will guarantee that some escapement has went into the river while allowing harvest opportunity.

Reduce the household limit to 20 for head of household and 7 for each dependent, with liberalization to 25 for head of household and 10 for each dependent if the escapement reaches 1.2 million.

The personal use fishery is for the purpose of providing harvest of allowable surplus of sockeye salmon, however if some measures are not put in when there are times of low abundance I fear that this fishery will be closed by emergency order. Residences of the State use this to supplement their food source and expect it. There is a sense of expectation to receive their share and I believe that if we do not take some action on management of this fishery that other harvesters will take the brunt of the burden in times of low abundance. Letting the residence know now that some measures will be taken in times of low returns is a more productive means now then later.

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