

PROPOSAL 233 – 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna weir, as follows:

5 AAC 60.122(a)(9) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:
(9) in the Little Susitna River drainage,

...

(M) the waters within approximately 1,500 feet downstream of the Little Susitna weir are closed to sport fishing as indicated by ADF&G regulatory markers.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

5 AAC 75.050 designates a 300-foot area around any fish weir as closed to sport fishing in order to provide uninterrupted passage for fish and minimize vulnerability of salmon and potential for overharvest of fish that can become concentrated prior to passing a weir. Increasing the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna River weir is necessary to protect salmon staging in several pools downstream of the weir.

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