

PROPOSAL 236 - 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. Increase the hours open to fishing in the Wasilla Creek/Rabbit Slough drainage, as follows:

Amend hours in the area below the Alaska Railroad Bridge to read:

. . . , but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of [6 A.M. AND 6 P.M.] **5 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Wasilla Creek / Rabbit Slough drainage coho salmon are abundant enough to allow a few more hours of daily fishing time. The area where sport salmon fishing is allowed is a small portion of the drainage located on the Palmer Hay Flats. The salmon fishery is only open two days per week, so there is plenty of time for salmon to swim through the area when fishing is closed. Having more hours of daily fishing time on the two days per week when the fishery is open allows more participation to occur without crowding other anglers. For people that have other commitments on Saturdays and Sundays this would give more time to participate earlier and later.

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