

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Jeffrey

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Amendment by Board Member Jeffrey to RC 104 for Proposal 162

5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan

(3) in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery, notwithstanding the provisions of 5 AAC 21.360(c) (1)(B), (2)(B), and (3)(B), based on the abundance of sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers,

(A) if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery under (1)(A) of this subsection, commercial fishing **is open for regular periods, and up to no more than 24 additional hours under runs less than 2,300,000, up to no more than 36 hours for runs between 2,300,000 – 4,600,000 and up to 48 hours for runs greater than 4,600,000; under this subparagraph there will be** a 36-hour continuous closure per week beginning between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday. The number of set gillnets operated may also be restricted to either

(i) three set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth or two set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth; set gillnets used that are not more than 29 meshes in depth must be identified at the end of the gillnet with an attached blue buoy that is not less than nine and one-half inches in diameter; or

(ii) two set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth or one set gillnet that is not more than 35 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth; set gillnets used that are not more than 29 meshes in depth must be identified at the end of the gillnet with an attached blue buoy that is not less than nine and one-half inches in diameter; or

(B) if the use of bait and the retention of king salmon are prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery under (1)(B) of this subsection, commercial fishing periods are open for no more than 12 hours per week, with a 36-hour continuous closure per week beginning between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday.