

**Proposal 120 Amendment****5 AAC 71.030. Methods, means and general provisions – Finfish.**

Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk and Kisaralik Rivers from ~~May 1 to October 31~~ June 12 to July 25 in times of conservation for any species of salmon as follows:

Closure of sports fishing and rafting at prime salmon spawning tributaries of the Kuskokwim River, namely the Kwethluk, Kasigluk and Kisaralik Rivers that flow into the Kuskokuak Slough and Kuskokwim River starting ~~May 1 to October 31~~ June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup> of each year conservation of salmon species (Chinook, Chum, Sockeye and Coho) is warranted.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Rafting and sports fishing in times of salmon conservation (Chinook, Chum, Sockeye and Coho) on the Kuskokwim River and its tributaries. Rafters and Sports fishers ~~will contaminate~~ disrupt the headwaters and lakes where salmon species spawn in the tributaries of the Kuskokwim River. Sports fishing and rafting during conservation closures disrupts residents, these residents become uneasy and wait until openers for subsistence fishing in these three rivers and in the mean-time while subsistence users cannot set their set nets within these three rivers that they customarily set nets, sports fishing and rafting activities are happening in the head waters of these three rivers. Subsistence activities should have precedence over any sports or recreational activities in times of conservation for any salmon species within these three rivers on the Kuskokuak Slough.

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