

**PROPOSAL 170**

**5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**

Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach, as follows:

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(c)(2)(C) from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers outside the terminus of the river on the north shore beach at **60 23.20' N. lat., 151 17.53' W. long.**, [60\_ 23.25' N. LAT., 151\_ 17.98' W. LONG.,] and on the south shore beach at 60\_ 23.27' N. lat., 151\_ 18.64' W. long., upstream for a distance of one mile.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The current dipnetting regulatory marker on the north shore of the Kasilof River unnecessarily pushes users of the fishery into closer proximity, especially noticeable during high tide. In addition to common net entanglements, the artificial containment makes fishing difficult for kids that have a hard time to find a place with enough space to effectively manage a net, and for families to fish together. The beach on the north shore continues another 1500 feet beyond the marker, and yet users are pushed side by side in a short 750 foot stretch of beach. In comparison to fishing opportunities on the opposite bank, the south shore has about 1,500 feet of normally used shoreline to dipnet from at high tide.

**To alleviate the artificially imposed crowd, I propose relocating the regulatory marker on the north shore of the Kasilof River, approximately 650 feet to 60°23.20' N., 151°17.53' W. This will allow a greater area for the same number of users to dipnet.**

The personal use fishery at the Kasilof River is a smaller family affair than its partner to the north, and instills passion and enjoyment in fishing beginning with children. If our children or families can't find a spot to fish together, we can't ignite the passion and enjoyment that will pass this tradition along.

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