

**PROPOSAL 21**

**5 AAC 77.591. Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**

Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery from June 7 to June 1, as follows:

Change June 7 personal use season opener to June 1.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The June 7 start date was enacted many years ago as part of an effort for every user group to bear a perceived King salmon conservation burden, but because the personal use (PU) fishery is set by sonar numbers, and because some years there are strong early runs, and King has been generally restricted from PU harvest in recent years, the rationale no longer applies. The department can still push back the opener for biological reasons. It would not result in increased allocation, just an early start if conditions dictate.

**PROPOSED BY:** Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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