

5 AAC 77 is amended to add a new section to read:

**5 AAC 77.541 Yentna River Drainage Personal Use King Salmon Fishery.** (a) In the Yentna River drainage, in the mainstem of the Yentna River from its confluence with Martin Creek upstream to its confluence with the Skwentna River, king salmon may be taken for personal use as follows:

(1) only from June 1 through June 30 from

(A) 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday;

(B) 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday; and

(C) 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday;

(2) only with a fish wheel as follows:

(A) each fish wheel must be equipped with a livebox; the livebox must be constructed so that it contains no less than 45 cubic feet of water volume while it is in operation;

(B) the permit holder shall attach a wood or metal plate that is at least 12 inches high by 12 inches wide, bearing the permit holder's name and address in letters and numerals at least one inch high to each fish wheel operated under this section so that the name and address are plainly visible;

(C) the permit holder shall be present to attend the fish wheel at all times while the fish wheel is in operation, and salmon other than king salmon, and rainbow trout must be returned alive to the water;

(D) for purposes of (A) of this paragraph, a "livebox" is a partially submerged container that is attached to the fish wheel that will keep fish caught by the fish wheel alive;

(3) only under a personal use fishing permit issued under 5 AAC 77.015; annual limit of 5 king salmon for the head of household, and 2 king salmon for each additional member of the household;

(4) all king salmon retained shall immediately be recorded in ink on the permit and reported to the department by noon of the day following the day of harvest by telephone, email or other means as stated in the permit.

(b) The department shall close the personal fishery when 200 king salmon have been taken as reflected in the daily harvest reports or earlier as may be needed for conservation or other purposes.