

Substitute Language for Proposal 1 (revised and replaces that in RC 040)

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RC 050

5 AAC 01.610. Fishing seasons.

(g) Salmon may be taken in the districts described in 5 AAC 01.605(b), only from May 15 through October 31, during fishing periods as follows:

- (1) during one commercial salmon fishing period per week;*
- (2) each Saturday from 7 AM to 7 PM.*

After consultation with ADF&G staff and stakeholders it became apparent that RC 040 would have significantly reduced opportunity and harvest in the subsistence fishery if adopted. Variables such as tides and bad weather were cited as making the 12 hour per week strategy too limiting.

The above substitute language would change the existing regulation **from** subsistence opportunity only during commercial openers (generally two per week and of variable duration) **to** once per week during a commercial opener and each Saturday for 12 hours.

Effects:

- Small boat opportunity separate from commercial fishery
- Subsistence opportunity even when commercial fishery closed or interrupted
- Subsistence opportunity for those engaged in commercial fishing
- Expected to be harvest neutral
- Some reduction in overall time through the season but this is mitigated by the predictability and certainty of the proposed schedule

This substitute language is intended to balance the intent of the original proposal with concerns expressed by stakeholders, department staff and board members.