

PROPOSAL 46

5 AAC 01.630. Subsistence fishing permits.

Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 01.6xx new section

Subsistence harvest from the Copper River district must be reported within 7 days of harvest.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Subsistence fishing in the lower Copper River District, which occurs at the mouth of the Copper River, can provide valuable in season run strength information as it is open every Saturday and on Mondays and Thursdays when the commercial fishery is closed. However, the reporting requirements for subsistence permits do not require reporting harvest until October 31. We believe that weekly reporting will not place an undue burden on participants in this fishery as it can be easily done at the local ADF&G office in Cordova, where all subsistence trips for the lower copper are based out of, or online. Additionally weekly reporting will increase the accuracy of reports and reduce the likelihood of participants harvesting more fish than their bag limit.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This Proposal was discussed and submitted by the Copper River/Prince William Sound AC

PROPOSED BY: Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-069)
