

**PROPOSAL 50**

**5 AAC 1.620. Lawful gear and gear specifications. and 5 AAC 77.591. Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan.**

Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts, as follows:

**5AAC 52.022 (a)(XX) Electronics including chart-plotters, depth finders, fish finders, or any other device that may aid in locating fish, depth, or paths of travel while fishing may not be used to aid in the taking of fish from a boat in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** “Fair chase” is an important concept that applies to hunting regulations. Many activities such as the use of drones, electronic calls, and even two-way radios are not allowed.

Electronics to aid in the taking of fish should be viewed in the same way.

We have seen increased fishing pressure when other places around the state such as the Kenai and the Yukon are closed. We are likely to see further increase as the Yukon has been closed for half a decade and the Kenai will see closures as well. Participation is only going to grow on the Copper River in years to come. The Copper River can't feed the whole State.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** No.

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