

Regarding RC 106 on Proposal 1 addressing subsistence fishing regulations in Egegik

RC 106 is well intended but not needed – this is not an improvement over current subsistence regulation in Egegik. Currently subsistence fish may only be taken during commercial openers and this is to discourage gaming by commercial users (delivering 'subsistence' fish as commercial). After July or when on a weekly schedule subsistence is open providing good opportunity during those time periods.

Nets starting at the grassline won't reach the water so this suggestion in RC 106 doesn't work. Also, while nets are often attended at all times it is not practical to make this an absolute requirement.

It is true that commercial fishermen have all the beaches so at the peak of the season it is difficult to subsistence fish but RC 106 is not a solution to that and the department has expressed a willingness to hear about in-season subsistence problems and make adjustments when possible.

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