

PROPOSAL 162

5 AAC 01.XXX - 5 AAC 77.XXX. New section.

Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch, as follows:

All personal use, sport, and subsistence fishermen must report their catch numbers to the department within 14 days of harvesting chinook salmon through the ADF&G website or other appropriate methods provided by the department.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? A lack of in season data on chinook salmon catch numbers by sport, personal use, and state subsistence users.

At a time when the state of Alaska is attempting to understand chinook run strength numbers, the Department of Fish and Game needs every tool available. Timely in season reporting coupled with the fish ticket numbers of the commercial fleet would create a clear and real time picture of the amount of chinook salmon harvested in season. In a time when smart phones and internet are easily accessible, timely reporting should be achievable. Most game hunters are required by state regulation to report a successful hunt within two weeks of harvest, there is no reason to treat our salmon resource any differently.

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