

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of board members Cain and Huntington

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Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 276 (replaces previous substitute language submitted in RC 36)

5 AAC 01.280 is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.280. Subsistence Fishing Permits. Fish may be taken for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, **except during times of king salmon conservation;**

(a) starting in the 2018 fishing season, in the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream of regulatory markers located at Aniak, the commissioner may issue, at no cost, a permit for the harvest of king salmon under the following conditions:

(1) annual limit of 10 king salmon;

(2) fishing under this permit may not commence until the subsistence king salmon fishing season opens after June 11;

(3) the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement one or more of the gear limitations specified in 5 AAC .1.270(n)(1) for fishing under this permit;

(4) permits must be retained in the possession of the permittee and be readily available for inspection while taking fish; a person who transports subsistence-taken fish shall have a subsistence fishing permit in that person's possession;

(5) as specified on the permit, each subsistence fisherman shall keep accurate daily records of king salmon harvested, location and date of the catch and such other information as the department may require for management or conservation purposes;

(6) permit holders will return completed permits including harvest taken by October 31;

(7) once the annual permitted harvest limit is reached any additional king salmon harvested must be taken in compliance with all applicable annual subsistence harvest time, area, or methods and means as established in regulation or by Emergency Order;

(8) only one permit may be issued to a household each year;

(b) the provisions of this subsection do not apply after December 31, 2021.