

PROPOSAL 20

5 AAC 01.610. Fishing seasons.

Open all waters of the Copper River District to subsistence fishing for salmon from April 20 through October 15, as follows:

(g) The subsistence harvest of salmon on the Copper River shall commence April 20 and continue until October 15. All traditional waters of the Copper River shall remain open for this fishery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Harvest of early run Copper River salmon is a critical part of the tradition of Cordova and other residents of Prince William Sound. Recent harvest of fish under educational permits do not provide adequate numbers of fish to meet the needs of local residents. Consistently earlier thaws and fish taken under educational permits indicate salmon may be migrating upstream prior to the installation of sonar counters.

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