

PROPOSAL 18

5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods.

Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30, as follows:

5 AAC 01.560 (b) (8) (A) from April 1 through **June 30**[May 30], from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday; **and from June 1 through June 30, from 6:00 a.m. Saturday through 6:00 a.m. Monday and from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday through 6:00 a.m. Thursday.**

Changing the closing date to June 30 will allow Seldovia residents to engage in subsistence harvest for sockeye when fish are actually present in the area. Chinook salmon returning to Seldovia Harbor are not targeted in this fishery and we believe that the individual possession limit of 20 Chinook is not likely to be met or exceeded by people engaging in subsistence fishing for sockeye. Having the June subsistence fishing periods alternate with those of the commercial setnet fishery will allow both user groups to access the fishery without direct competition.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The spring subsistence fishery period in Seldovia currently closes May 30. Sockeye either are not yet present at this time or have just begun to return. Closing the fishery May 30 deprives most Seldovia residents of the opportunity to engage in traditional subsistence activities during the part of the sockeye season when their efforts are most likely to be successful.

PROPOSED BY: Seldovia Village Tribe

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