

PROPOSAL 7

5 AAC 01.620. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

Prohibit guiding in subsistence finfish fisheries, as follows:

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e) The permit holder must personally operate the fish wheel or dipnet. A subsistence fish wheel or dipnet permit may not be loaned or transferred except as permitted under 5 AAC 01.011.

NEW. (1). No guide or transport service shall charge a fee of a permit holder participating in fishery and no permit holder may give a fee to participate in the fishery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lack of clarity for commercial enterprises starting to capitalize on subsistence fisheries. There are regulations for no fees to be involved with community permits for subsistence game hunts reference 5 AAC 92.072. It seems counter intuitive then to allow commercial guide entry into a subsistence fishery who then in turn charge people to navigate the boat for them, show them how and where to fish, help them fish, land, and process the catch all for a widely advertised fee structure.

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