

Submitted at the request of Chair Carlson-Van Dort by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Substitute language for Proposal 26:

5 AAC 01.630 *Subsistence fishing permits* is amended by adding a new section to read:

(k) Except in the Copper River District as described in 5 AAC 24.200(a) and the Bering River District as described in 5 AAC 24.200(b), a subsistence fishing permit may be issued to a community to operate one set or drift gillnet that may not exceed 150 fathoms in length on behalf of members of that community. Unless otherwise provided in this section, regulations governing fishing under the authority of a community permit issued under this subsection are those generally applicable to Prince William Sound Area subsistence fishing permits, except that this permit may be fished seven days per week from May 15 to October 31. A permit may only be issued following approval by the department of a harvest assessment plan to be administered by the permitted community. The harvest assessment plan must include:

(1) provisions for recording daily catches;

(2) sample data collection forms;

(3) other information specified by the department;

(4) location, as specified on the permit;

(5) the full legal name(s) of the individual(s) responsible for the lawful gear operation; and

(6) other information determined by the department to be necessary for effective resource management.

(l) The following additional provisions apply to subsistence fishing permits issued under (k) of this section:

(1) the permit will list all households and household members for whom the gear is being operated;

(2) the permittee will notify the department when households are added to the list;

(3) the allowable harvest may not exceed the combined seasonal limits as listed in 5 AAC 01.645(b) for the households listed on the permit; the permittee will notify the department when households are added to the list, and the seasonal limit may be adjusted accordingly;

(4) members of households listed on a permit issued to a community are not eligible for a separate household subsistence fishing permit for the Prince William Sound Area;

(5) authority to enforce all applicable laws and regulations may not be delegated through permits issued under (k) of this section.