

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 village council or other similarly qualified organization to operate set or drift gillnets 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 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 village council or other similarly qualified organization. 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 allowable harvest may not exceed 1,000 salmon, no more of which 50 may be king salmon;

(2) notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection, salmon may be taken for subsistence purposes in the Eshamy and Southwestern Districts at any time from May 15 through October 31, except in hatchery special harvest areas when the hatchery special harvest area is closed to common property fishing to facilitate achievement of hatchery escapement needs as defined in 5 AAC 40.990(6);

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