PROPOSAL 106

5 AAC 01.360. Fishing seasons.

Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time as follows:

We would like the regulation to read **5 AAC 01.360** Fishing seasons. (a) In the Unalaska District, salmon may be taken for subsistence purposes from sunrise until sunset from January 1 through December 31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We want to expand the time available for subsistence fishing to take advantage of longer daylight hours during the summer months when the fishery occurs. We propose a revision to **5AAC 01.360** Fishing seasons. (a) In the Unalaska District, salmon may be taken for subsistence purposes from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. from January 1 through December 31.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Some members of the subsistence fishing community in Unalaska were consulted, and all agreed that this is a common sense and safer approach to gillnetting in the summer. In the summer, sunset times are later than 9 pm, and bad weather makes it increasingly difficult to setnets regularly after work.