

**PROPOSAL 120 – 5 AAC 01.210. Fishing seasons and periods.** Allow subsistence fall chum salmon fishing seven days per week in District 5 of the Yukon Area once a fall chum salmon commercial fishery is opened, as follows:

Suggested language:

**In District 5 once a fall chum fishery is determined healthy enough to have commercial openings on it then no subsistence restrictions on days open should be placed on that fishery. It is to be open 7 days a week.**

Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (TRM) supported this proposal submission unanimously.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Fall chum salmon fishing in this area comes late in summer. The weather is cooling and often the rains start making drying of fish difficult if not impossible on many days. Over the years we have tried to point out to management that the current reduced subsistence schedules of 4 days or 5 days a week that we find ourselves in, often do not coincide with days able to put up fish. This is especially true at the beginning of the run where the best quality fish for human consumption are found. For example in the last two years we have documented times where fishers have waited almost an entire open period of fishing only to have the sun come out on the closed days. Fall season is too short and lately, because of the king crisis, it has become too important to lose this opportunity. Admittedly, it is the king crisis that has pushed this issue to the forefront.

Issues of subsistence and commercial opening conflicts have never been a problem in this area but sometimes are a problem for others, so for that reason we ask for this in District 5 only and will let others propose as they choose. Also we are only trying to increase opportunity in situations where it would not be detrimental to any species, so any concerns that the Board of Fisheries or management would have over this proposal, TRM would be happy to adjust the proposal to meet those concerns. TRM has contacted the ADF&G Yukon fall chum manager on this proposal's acceptability and the language reflects those initial and preliminary talks.

TRM would like to thank the present fall manager for being very helpful in this matter, but we would like to see this in regulation so it would be easier to institute each year and future managers would not have to be educated and convinced of the need in order to execute as proposed. It would happen automatically.

**PROPOSED BY:** Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
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