

PROPOSAL 41 – 5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration. Change the area registration requirement for the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts by removing the June 25 start date, as follows:

In 5 AAC 06.370 I would delete the words "Beginning June 25" and begin the paragraph "Before taking".

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Although fishing begins June 1 and although the allocation period begins June 1 (5 AAC 06.365), district registration does not begin until June 25. That means a drift fisher can fish, for example, a period in Egegik on June 20 and in Naknek on June 21 and back to Egegik for June 22. The law may require a fisher to land the catch in the district taken but we all know that during this non-regulated time, fishers catch in one district and deliver in another according to their convenience. ADF&G cannot manage the district allocation nor escapement properly. It is simple for a fisher to work one district and travel a few short hours to another district with fish on board, and fish the second district before delivering. It's my opinion that this practice corrupts the allocation in the Egegik and Naknek districts where it would seem fish are caught and leave Egegik unreported and deliver in Naknek, thus under reporting the catch and drift allocation in Egegik and over reporting in Naknek. The ADF&G cannot look at a boat and know which district it is registered for, and management is therefore made more difficult. District registration should begin when fishing begins, consistent with the allocation regulation period.

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