

**PROPOSAL 12**

**5 AAC 01.620. Lawful gear and gear specifications.**

Require operators of fish wheels without live boxes to be present when fishing in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery, as follows:

(c) All fishwheels are to have a live box so that the king salmon can be put back in to the river to spawn. I know of people who don't like Kings and don't have a live box so they just throw the dead Kings back into the river. Also some people claim the fish should die quickly and not suffer as in a live box. So I'm proposing everyone who doesn't have a live box will have to have someone at the fishwheel at all times from the start of the season until the middle of July when the main run of King Salmon go through so they can throw the Kings back into the river.

It will greatly improve the resource as their numbers of spawning King would increase.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Declining numbers of king salmon in the Copper River Basin.

What will happen if this problem is not solved? The numbers of King Salmon will keep declining and they are already at a dangerous low level.

Everyone who likes King Salmon would benefit. The only people who would likely suffer would be the ones who are too lazy to build a live box and that's why I mentioned someone right at the fishwheel to throw the Kings back into the river.

**PROPOSED BY:** James Marchini

(HQ-F17-008)

\*\*\*\*\*