PROPOSAL 93

5 AAC 01.240. Marking and use of subsistence-taken salmon.

Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area, as follows:

Delete the regulation

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(c) In Districts 1 - 3, from June 1 through July 15, a person may not possess king salmon taken for subsistence uses unless both tips (lobes) of the tail fin have been removed before the person conceals the salmon from plain view or transfers the salmon from the fishing site. A person may not sell or purchase salmon from which both tips (lobes) of the tail fin have been removed.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fin-clipping does not prevent people from selling into the commercial fishery Chinook Salmon that they take in the subsistence fishery because only a few Yukon subsistence fishermen do this. There are always going to be a few bad actors, we know who they are, they have been fined before, and this regulation has not stopped them. This regulation is burdensome on subsistence fishermen without any benefit.