

PROPOSAL 277

5 AAC XX.XXX New Section.

Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows:

The new regulation would require the adoption of all points made in #2 below. There may be others, I am not a lawyer. I just want to eat a fresh salmon on my commercial fishing vessel. The technology of today allows us to provide this to one of the oldest industries in Alaska. All that is needed is willingness!

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? 1) allow one or a portion there of a (one) fin fish to be aboard a commercial fishing vessel for immediate consumption. This would be in areas that are currently open to sport fishing, for the finfish retained.

2) to achieve this, it would require:

A) A cell phone app would need to be developed and use to make a landing. This should alienate any problems with enforcement.

B) A valid sport license

C) the finfish to be processed for consumption. (H&G minimum)

3) if adopted this would prevent a large portion of the commercial fleet from becoming criminals. It would also have the benefit of better data collection. Therefore, the ability to achieve Alaska’s goal of maximizing sustainable yield, would have a higher percentage of achievement.

4) It is gross unfairness that the producers of the highest quality seafood, in the world, can’t legally participate in its consumption, in a timely manner. “the fresher the better”

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