

Personal Use/Subsistence Limits and Reporting (2 proposals)

PROPOSAL 166

5 AAC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish.

Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries, as follows:

Statewide bag limit for all Personal Use dip net fisheries. A bag limit is defined as a maximum number of salmon of any one salmon species a permit may take. A permit may not exceed the statewide bag limit of salmon between all the personal use dip net fisheries.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently there is no state wide bag limit for personal use dip net fisheries in the state. As in that every household can collect a permit for multiple personal use fisheries and compound their catch for the year. Referencing hunting regulation 5 AAC. 92.130 (a) a person may not exceed the total of the statewide take of that species in the unit or portion of a unit. Using this hunting regulation as an example one cannot harvest all his or her tags of deer in Southeast Alaska and then hunt Kodiak with a full new set of tags. The tags are a total bag limit for the year. This is the issue I would like to address for the statewide PU dip net fisheries, just like a person must choose where they want to hunt for the year a household should choose where to fish and fill their bag limits. This does not limit the household from fishing multiple personal use dipnet fisheries, but just ensures their catch in one dipnet fishery would subtract from the total allowed in the other.

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PROPOSAL 167

5 AAC 01.015. Subsistence fishing permits and reports, and 5 ACC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish.

Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest, as follows:

(6) subsistence fishing reports must be completed on forms provided by the department and submitted to the department office from which the permit was issued [at a time specified by the department] within 5 days of harvest for each particular area and fishery;

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(6) personal us fishing reports must be completed on forms provided by the department and submitted to the department office from which the permit was issued [at a time specified by the department] within 5 days of harvest for each particular area and fishery;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Require In-Season reporting of Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon within 5 days of harvest using an online app or phone call to the Department.

Currently, participants in both fisheries are not required to report their harvest until well after the close of the season. Both Fisheries take a substantial number of salmon, especially in low

abundance runs. It is imperative that managers have real time data to use their EO authority to close fisheries when the security of the resource demands it. The Department has been consistent at Area meetings saying this is a Statewide issue. It is time for all users of the valuable resources to be accountable.

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