

PROPOSAL 131

5 AAC 21.320 Weekly fishing periods.

Modify Northern District weekly commercial fishing periods as follows:

Salmon may be taken in the northern district **from June 25 through July 19, weekly fishing periods will be from 7 am to 7 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after July 19 salmon may be taken 7:00 AM Monday until 7:00 p.m. Monday and from 7:00 am Thursday until 7:00pm Thursday.**

[7:00 AM MONDAY UNTIL 7:00 P.M. MONDAY AND FROM 7:00 AM THURSDAY UNTIL 7:00PM THURSDAY]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Proposing to fish Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12-hour fishing periods for the Northern District is to help target some of the sockeye salmon before gear restriction start July 20, with one extra day and an extra 12-hours per week. The present regulation is a hit or miss due to extreme weather conditions and safety concerns because this area has unique SE (Turnagain) winds. For example, in the 2022 fishing season we missed 2 fishing openers in this time frame because of weather, this is a common occurrence from this area. This proposal will grant a reasonable opportunity to harvest a specific commercial stock (sockeye) and help us, as well as our neighboring communities economically. With scows and flake ice in place an additional period is not a problem with tenders from Kenai.

PROPOSED BY: Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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