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Your organization (if applicable)

- NA

What regulations you wish to change. Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state, "new regulation."

- Rescind the closure to the harvest of salmon throughout salmon bearing streams feeding into Unalaska Bay. Modify regulations to allow harvest of salmon by rod and reel only. King Salmon may be taken from January 1-July 25 as follows: bag and possession limits of 2 for fish 20 inches or greater, five fish annual limit; bag and possession limits of five and 10 fish, respectively for fish under 20 inches. Salmon other than King Salmon may be taken as follows: bag and possession limits of five fish, only two of which may be coho and two may be sockeye salmon. This proposal would not affect existing Federal subsistence fisheries closures in Unalaska Lake and Summers/Morris Lakes drainages.

Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written in the regulations

Aleutian Islands Area

§ __.27(e)(6)

(iv) You may not subsistence fish for salmon in the following waters:

(C) All streams supporting anadromous fish runs that flow into Unalaska Bay south of a line from the northern tip of Cape Cheerful to the northern tip of Kalekta Point;

(ix) You may subsistence fish for salmon with rod and reel only in the following locations:

(B) All streams supporting anadromous fish runs that flow into Unalaska Bay south of a line from the northern tip of Cape Cheerful to the northern tip of Kalekta Point;

(1) King Salmon: may be taken from January 1 through July 25

(i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of two fish; annual limit of five fish;

(ii) Less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish; no annual limit;

(2) Salmon other than king salmon; bag and possession limits of five fish, of which no more than two fish may be coho salmon and two fish may be sockeye salmon;

Explain why this regulation change should be made

This proposal allows Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest salmon by rod and reel in an area that is currently closed to Federal subsistence uses. The Federal Subsistence Board adopted this closure in 2001 to minimize disruption of the State's management of fish. Since 2001, use has been closed to Federally qualified subsistence users under State and Federal regulations but open to sport fishing under State regulations.

The Council is interested in providing Federal subsistence opportunity throughout freshwater systems draining into Unalaska Bay through a conservation-minded approach. This proposal would limit gear type to rod and reel and enact limits in line with the State of Alaska sport fish regulations, meeting the requirements of ANILCA Title VIII. The Council recognizes that harvest of salmon with traditional subsistence means, methods and limits under Area Federal subsistence regulations could pose a conservation threat to vulnerable populations. If enacted, this proposal would not affect existing closures to Area Federal subsistence fisheries, namely Unalaska Lake and Summer/Morris Lake drainages.