

PROPOSAL 197 – 5 AAC 01.410. Fishing seasons. Clarify when commercial salmon fishing license holders may subsistence fish for salmon in the Alaska Peninsula Area, as follows:

5 AAC 01.410(a) is amended to read:

- (a) In the Alaska Peninsula Area, salmon may be taken at any time, except
 - (1) in those districts and sections open to commercial salmon fishing, **a commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for** salmon [MAY NOT BE TAKEN] during the 24 hours before and 12 hours following a commercial salmon fishing period; **a commercial salmon fishing license holder may subsistence fish for salmon during a commercial salmon fishing period;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations restrict the general public from fishing during the 24 hours before and 12 hours following a commercial salmon fishing period. This restriction was likely intended to prevent the sale of subsistence salmon during commercial salmon fishing periods. Modification of this regulation would allow those members of the general public who do not possess a commercial salmon fishing license to subsistence fish for salmon during periods that commercial salmon fishing license holders are restricted. Additional language to this regulation will also provide clarity to commercial salmon fishing license holders as to when they may legally subsistence for salmon during commercial salmon fishing periods. Regulatory language from the Chignik Area (5 AAC 01.485) was used as precedence for the amended regulatory language provided.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F15-059)
