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Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
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Re: 2023 Statewide Finfish Meeting, RC for Proposal 167

Dear Chair Carlson-Van Dort and Members of the Board of Fisheries,

We would like to submit an RC for our proposal 167 with this amended language of the highlighted in our original proposal below.

“Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use king salmon harvest within 10 days, as follows:”

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;

...

(6) personal use 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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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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jess Rude
Executive Director