

PROPOSAL 98 – 5 AAC 01.255. Description of districts and subsections. Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation, as follows:

5 AAC 01.255 is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.255. Description of districts and subsections. (a) Districts and subdistricts are as described in 5 AAC 07.200.

(b) During times of king salmon conservation, the Kuskokwim River may be divided into the following sections by emergency order:

(1) Section 1: from a line from the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge boundary at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River at 59° 59.96' N. lat., 162° 30.46' W. long. to the confluence of the Johnson River and Kuskokwim River at 59° 59.95' N. lat., 162° 11.15' W. long.;

(2) Section 2: from the confluence of the Johnson River and Kuskokwim River to a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one-half mile upstream of the Tuluksak River mouth;

(3) Section 3: from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately one-half mile upstream of the Tuluksak River mouth to a line between ADF&G regulatory markers at the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge boundary near Aniak;

(4) Section 4: from the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge boundary near Aniak to a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located downstream of the Holitna River mouth;

(5) Section 5: from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located downstream of the Holitna River mouth to the headwaters of the Kuskokwim River.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The department has been dividing the Kuskokwim River into five sections by emergency order to manage the subsistence fishery during times of king salmon conservation. There has been a lot of confusion regarding the descriptions or definitions of these areas. This proposal seeks to establish clear definitions in regulation.

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