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After further discussion with ADF&G, and in order to address management concerns, we propose the following revision to the language of 5 AAC 06.320 regarding Proposal 32. New language is in bold, deleted language is underlined in brackets.

5 AAC 06.320 [revised]

(c) In the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts,

(1) from June 1 through 9:00 a.m. July 24 [17], salmon may be taken only during periods established by emergency order;

(2) after 9 a.m. July 24 [17], salmon may be taken only from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. **Sunday** [Friday] or during periods established by emergency order except as specified for the...

Explanation:

1. Move start date of the Fall fishing schedule back one week to July 24 instead of June 17. Over the past five years, the Kvichak river run timing has been trending later in the season, and high prices are keeping people fishing longer. The KSA would like ADF&G to have authority to continue implementing emergency orders for an additional week before shifting to the fall schedule. We would also recommend extending the use of the Kvichak river counting towers and test fishing continue for an additional week in order to accurately account for late season escapement.

2. Change the fall fishing schedule from 4 days fishing/3 days off closing on Friday 9am to 6 days fishing/1 day off closing on Sunday 9am. Fishing pressure is extremely low late in the season and Fall fishing is largely self regulating as the vast majority of boats drop out of the fishery and go home in late July. With very few nets in the water, the remaining fishermen have very little impact on late season escapement and are needlessly missing fishing opportunity with the 3 day per week closure. If the 6:1 ratio is not acceptable, we recommend at least increasing fishing time to 5 days fishing/ 2 days off with the period closing at 9am Saturday.

3. Currently ADF&G does not have authority to implement emergency orders to override the Fall fishing schedule based on escapement numbers. The KSA would like the addition of language allowing ADF&G to extend or open days during the Fall season by emergency order if necessary.