

PROPOSAL 31

5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration.

Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June, as follows:

A fisher that would like to train new crew and test their equipment would drop their card. That fisher would have until the third Saturday @ 9am in June to transfer into purgatory. Purgatory meaning that state of nowhere, just as if you haven't drop your card. Third Saturday 2018 is the 16 of June. Understanding that this date will change when the Saturday a week later. This would take the stress out training your crew and testing your equipment.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Dropping your blue card in early June, when a drift fisher wants to fish that person has to drop their blue card in the river district that they're not sure they really want to fish. Then having to wait 48 hours when they want to change fishing districts. Having new crew, wanting to test your fishing gear, new drum, engine etc.,etc. Egegik, Ugashik and Togiak have no mechanics and is very expensive to fly one down. Nushagak is in Chinook protection and doesn't have early opening, those drift fishers would have to travel to Eastside districts to train new crew and test fishing gear. Before the main salmon run arrives, Port Moller test data isn't out yet and other tools to make the right decision in picking a starting fishing district.

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