

# Send salmon tags for money

Alaska's Department of Fish and Game is asking fishermen along the West Coast to send in disc tags found on king and pink salmon, and is offering a \$2 reward for every tag returned with information on the catch date and location.

In mid-December, the department also will hold a lottery in which one returned king salmon tag will be drawn. That tag will earn the fisherman who returned it a special reward of \$500.

In Alaska tagging program is a key to learning the home streams of the king salmon

present in Alaskan waters. The information collected may be instrumental in establishing regulations which provide an equitable allocation to fishermen in different areas. Biologists in Southeast Alaska tagged 764 king salmon in 1981. So far, 39 tags have been recovered at locations along the West Coast from Alaska to Oregon.

The disc tags may be turned in at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office, or mailed to: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 230 South Franklin St., Juneau, Alaska 99801.