

ADF&G issues subsistence regulations

JUNEAU--Since the Legislature has not yet enacted adequate personal use and subsistence fishing and hunting legislation, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under instructions from the Board of Fisheries, has issued emergency fishing regulations for the 1985 season. During the March meeting of the Board of Fisheries, the board instructed ADF&G Commissioner Don Collinsworth to use his limited emergency authority to make the necessary changes in the regulations if the Legislature did not enact personal use and subsistence legislation to correct deficiencies with the current law as identified by the Alaska

Supreme Court in its *Madison v. ADF&G* decision.

Under the emergency regulations, the Naknek, Iliamna drainage, Port Graham, English Bay, and Angoon subsistence fisheries will be open to all Alaska residents.

Cook Inlet personal use coho salmon fisheries will be subsistence fisheries in 1985. In Cook Inlet, the Eastside Beach personal use coho fishery, largely composed of fish bound for the Kenai River, will become a subsistence fishery. The 1984 harvest level of 2,500 to 3,500 fish will be increased to 13,000, and the fishery will open on

August 17 instead of mid-September. The harvest levels for all other personal use and subsistence fisheries will remain as published in current regulations.

Copper River dip net and fishwheel fisheries will be subsistence fisheries open to all Alaskans. Alaskans may apply for either a drop net permit or a fishwheel permit, but not both.

As emergency regulatory changes, these regulations are for the 1985 subsistence season only. Subsistence permits are available at regional offices and at field stations in local areas. For additional information contact your local Fish and Game offices.