

# New regs handed down by Board

The Alaska Board of Fisheries, which recently concluded their annual finfish meeting, enacted the following regulation changes which will affect commercial and subsistence fishermen in the Yukon and Tanana River subdistricts:

## COMMERCIAL FISHING Fishing Districts and Subdistricts

1. The boundary between subdistricts 2 and 3 was moved from Owl Slough upstream to Toklik.

2. The subsection boundary of subdistrict 4 was moved downstream from Prospect Pt. to Cone Pt.

## Fishing Seasons

1. In subdistricts 4, 5 and 6 from June 15 through September 30

(a) The early season is closed by emergency order and subsequent seasons are opened and closed by emergency order.

(b) Section 4-A of subdistrict 4 closes August 1.

## Fishwheel Specifications and Operation

1. A regulation was adopted which provides that the registered operator of a fishwheel is responsible for its operation.

## Closed Waters

1. Acharon Channel of the south mouth area west of a line from a Department of Fish and Game shore marker below Chris Pt. bearing 285 degrees to an ADF&G shore marker. This closed water area is also defined as west of a line established by a series of yellow and green barrels placed by the Department between shore markers.

## Quotas

1. Subdistrict 3: 2,000 salmon (subdistrict 3 boundaries were redefined as that portion of the Yukon drainage from Toklik upstream to the mouth of the Bonasila River).

2. Subdistrict 4: 1,000 king salmon and after August 15 in

section 4-B, 10,000 chum and coho salmon combined.

## SUBSISTENCE FISHING

1. The sale of subsistence-caught salmon roe in the Yukon and Kuskokwim Districts was prohibited.

2. The upstream boundary of section 6-C of subdistrict 6 was extended from the mouth of the Chena River upstream to the mouth of the Salcha River.

3. In subdistricts 1, 2 and 3 during any commercial fishing closure greater than five days in duration, salmon may not be taken for subsistence purposes during a two-day period each week except that before June 10 and August 20, subsistence fishing may occur seven days per week.

4. Subsistence fishing by the use of a line attached to a rod or pole is prohibited in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay areas except when fishing through the ice.

## HERRING FISHERY

### Fishing Districts and Subdistricts

1. The Cape Romanzof district was established and includes all waters between 62 degrees N. Latitude and the latitude of Dall Pt.

### Gear

1. Herring may be taken by purse seines, beach seines and gillnets.

### Gillnet Specifications and Operation

1. The mesh size of gillnets may not exceed 3 inches stretched mesh.

a. No more than 150 fathoms (900 feet) of herring gillnet may be operated from any licensed fishing vessel and no single herring gillnet may exceed 50 fathoms (300 feet) in length.

### Seine Specifications and Operation

1. No seine may exceed 850 meshes in depth and no more than 150 fathoms (900 feet) in length.

### Quotas

1. In the Cape Romanzof district: 350 metric tons.

### Closed Waters

1. Cape Romanzof district  
(a) Waters east of the longitude of Point Smith.

NOTE: This closed waters section was established to prevent conflicts between commercial herring fisheries and subsistence fisheries for herring, salmon and whitefish.

### Possession of Salmon

1. Salmon taken incidentally in conjunction with commercial herring fishing must be returned to the water.