

The following is the proposed regulatory language for Temporary Special Action FSA22-05. This language duplicates the language submitted to the Federal Register as part of the final rule on Federal Subsistence Board (Board) action on proposal FP21-10, which was adopted at the April 2022 Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulatory Meeting. Language that is new from the existing regulations is presented in **bold**.

§ 100.27 Subsistence taking of fish.

(11) *Prince William Sound Area*. The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters and drainages of Alaska between the longitude of Cape Fairfield and the longitude of Cape Suckling. **The Lower Copper River Area includes that portion of the Copper River, from a boundary one-half mile upstream of the Copper River Highway to a boundary extending one-half mile downstream of the Copper River Highway, from the West bank of the river near highway mile 27 to the East bank of the river near highway mile 38.**

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(iv) In the Copper River drainage, you may take salmon only in the waters of the Upper Copper River District, or in the vicinity of the Native Village of Batzulnetas, **and in the Lower Copper River Area.**

(v) In the Upper Copper River District, you may take salmon only by fish wheels, rod and reel, or dip nets. **In the Lower Copper River Area, you may take salmon only by dip nets and rod and reel. All salmon retained must be reported to area managers within 48 hours of harvest.**

(A) In the Lower Copper River Area, you may not dip net from a boat.

(B) In the Lower Copper River Area, the salmon fishery opens on Jun. 1.

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(xvii) In the Chugach National Forest portion of the Prince William Sound Area, and the Lower Copper River Area, you must possess a Federal subsistence fishing permit to take salmon,

trout, whitefish, grayling, Dolly Varden, or char. Permits are available from the Cordova Ranger District.

(A) Salmon harvest is not allowed in Eyak Lake and its tributaries, **the remainder of the Copper River and its tributaries outside of the Lower Copper River Area**, and Eyak River upstream from the Copper River Highway Bridge.

(B) You must record on your subsistence permit the number of subsistence fish taken. You must record all harvested fish prior to leaving the fishing site, and return the permit by the due date marked on the permit.

(C) You must remove both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin from subsistence-caught salmon before leaving the fishing site.

(D) **Outside of the Copper River mainstem**, you may take salmon by rod and reel, dip net, spear, and gaff year-round.

(E) For a household with 1 person, 15 salmon (other than pink) may be taken, and 5 cutthroat trout, with only 2 over 20 inches, may be taken; no more than 5 Chinook salmon per household; for pink salmon, see the conditions of the permit

(F) For a household with 2 persons, 30 salmon (other than pink) may be taken, plus an additional 10 salmon for each additional person in a household over 2 persons, and 5 cutthroat trout, with only 2 over 20 inches per each household member with a maximum household limit of 30 cutthroat trout may be taken; **no more than 5 Chinook salmon per household**; for pink salmon, see the conditions of the permit.

(G) You may take Dolly Varden, Arctic char, whitefish, and grayling with rod and reel and spear year round and with a gillnet from January 1-April 1. The maximum incidental gillnet harvest of trout is 10.

(H) You may take cutthroat trout with rod and reel and spear from June 15 to April 14th and with a gillnet from January 1 to April 1.

(I) You may not retain rainbow/steelhead trout for subsistence unless taken incidentally in a subsistence gillnet fishery. Rainbow/steelhead trout must be immediately released from a dip net without harm.

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