

PROPOSAL 51

5 AAC 64.XXX. New Section.

Prohibit commercial transporters from sport or subsistence shellfish fishing while transporting clients as follows:

No commercial transport vessel may conduct saltwater sportfishing or subsistence crab fishing while in the act of transporting nature viewers or hunters on Kodiak Island or its near shore waters.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Abuse of saltwater sportfishing and subsistence fishing with no mandatory logbook reporting while conducting other commercial transporting activities on Kodiak Island is what I would like to address. There are many transport vessels on Kodiak Island conducting commercial activities not directly related to sportfishing like wildlife viewing and hunting. These boats ransack our rockfish, lingcod, halibut and tanner crab, king crab and Dungeness crab, and king salmon stocks in near shore waters of Kodiak Island. There is no logbook requirement, NOTHING. WE CANNOT EVEN FIND CRAB OR ROCKFISH AND OTHERS species for local sport and subsistence use any place because these boats take so much, unreported too. Especially in the Olga Bay, Uyak and Uganik Bay areas, especially in the fall. It is a huge problem I want solved.

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