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The Federal Subsistence Board Approves Temporary Special Action FSA22-05 Regarding the Lower Copper River Subsistence Salmon Fishery

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) met in public by teleconference on May 19, 2022 and voted to approve Temporary Special Action FSA22-05 to enact temporary regulations for Fisheries Proposal FP21-10 until the final rule for this fishery is published in the Codified Federal Record. This special action request, which was submitted by the Office of Subsistence Management, asked the Board to temporarily enact the Lower Copper River subsistence salmon fishery recently adopted by the Board and to delegate authority to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Superintendent to implement the fishery. The 2022 salmon fishing season for this fishery will now begin on June 1.

The Board stated this Special Action allows the in-season manager the ability to implement the fishery in time for Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest salmon this season. The Board also referenced safeguards for conservation concerns that could arise, and that this action supports the original Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council recommendation to implement a salmon subsistence fishery in the Lower Copper River adjacent to the Copper River Highway.

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