

PROPOSAL 101 – 5 AAC 07.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Repeal Kuskokwim Area depth specifications for commercial gillnets greater than six-inch mesh, as follows:

5 AAC 07.331(b) is amended to read:

(b) The maximum depth of gillnets is as follows:

(1) gillnets with six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 45 meshes in depth;

(2) **repealed** / / [GILLNETS WITH GREATER THAN SIX-INCH MESH MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 35 MESHES IN DEPTH].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Within the Kuskokwim Area commercial fisheries, only gillnets with six-inch or smaller mesh are considered legal gear. Since gillnets with larger than six-inch mesh are not legal gear in the Kuskokwim Area commercial fisheries, there is no need to have a mesh depth regulation specified for that mesh size. The suggested change would simplify the codified regulations and remove unnecessary regulatory language.

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