

PROPOSAL 123 – 5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan.
Further define commercial beach seine specifications for summer chum salmon in the Yukon Area, as follows:

5 AAC 05.362(k)(1)(B) is amended to read:

(1) a permit holder may fish with

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(B) beach seine gear; **a beach seine may not exceed 150 fathoms in length or 100 meshes in depth** [,] with mesh size that does not exceed **three and one-half** [FOUR] inches stretched measure; and

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Beach seines are allowable gear under current commercial fishing regulations during times necessary for king salmon conservation. However, there are no specifications on length and depth for beach seines. Currently, any combination of net length and depth could be operated within the Yukon Area as a beach seine. Reducing the mesh size aligns with existing gear used in the fishery and may assist in conserving king salmon. The beach seine gear specifications proposed here would complement the proposed subsistence beach seine specifications.

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