

PROPOSAL 14

5 AAC 01.320. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas, as follows:

5 AAC 01.320. (b) is amended to read:

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(b) Outside the boundaries of any district **and within the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River special harvest areas**, salmon may only be taken by set gillnet, except that salmon may also be taken by dip nets in the waters described in 5 AAC 01.310(d) if fishing other than from a vessel, and salmon may also be taken as follows:

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 2018, the Alaska Board of Fisheries clarified the definition of a district to include special harvest areas. This unintentionally opened the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River special harvest areas to subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear. These areas had previously been restricted to subsistence fishing for salmon with set gillnets only with a maximum length of 10 fathoms.

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