

**PROPOSAL 170**

**5 AAC 33.310. Fishing seasons and periods for net gear.**

Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only, as follows:

(k)(1) **District 110-31 opens on the third Sunday of June for gillnet only.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Gillnet fishermen have limited time and fishing area compared to other fishing groups targeting wild salmon in Southeast Alaska. Currently, gillnet fishermen have the smallest amount of area in which to target wild salmon and the fewest number of days available for harvest. Gillnet harvest opportunities are extremely restricted while the current harvests by the gillnet fishery accounts for only 18% of the entire SE salmon harvest.

Gillnetters will continue to have limited opportunities to harvest wild salmon. Gillnetters will have fewer square miles of water in which to target salmon and gillnetters will continue to bear the brunt of most conservation measures as the gillnet fisheries are based around terminal areas.

**PROPOSED BY:** United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters (USAG)

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