

PROPOSAL 98

5 AAC 05.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4–6 of the Yukon Area, as follows:

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Yukon River is quite wide at all mouths (south, middle and north) and salmon are quite spread out (Yukon District Y-1), as salmon travel up the Yukon River there is less area for them to swim where the Yukon River narrows (Yukon Districts Y-2 through Y-6); therefore, gillnet depth restrictions should be more restrictive not less as they currently are as salmon travel up the Yukon.

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