

**Yukon Delta Fisheries Association (YDFDA)****SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO AMMEND PROPOSAL 88****5 AAC 05.331 (c) IN BOLD & UNDERLINE****PROPOSAL 88****5 AAC 05.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.**

Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications, as follows:

5 AAC 05.331 is amended to read:

(a) Set gillnet gear may not exceed 150 fathoms in aggregate length;

(b) Drift gillnet gear may not exceed 50 fathoms in length;

(c) Salmon may be taken only with gillnets of **SEVEN-AND ONE-HALF OR SMALLER MESH**, six-inch or smaller mesh, **FIVE-AND ONE-HALF OR SMALLER MESH, OR FOUR-AND THREE-QUARTER SMALLER MESH** during periods established by emergency order.

(d) No gillnet gear may be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one-half the width of any waterway. In the intertidal zone, this restriction applies at all stages of the tide.

(e) In Districts 1 - 3, gillnets with

(1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 45 meshes in depth;

(2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 50 meshes in depth.

(f) In Districts 4 - 6, gillnets with

(1) greater than six-inch mesh may not be more than 60 meshes in depth;

(2) six-inch or smaller mesh may not be more than 70 meshes in depth.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, during times when the commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of a salmon species, the commissioner, by emergency order, may close the fishing season in Districts 1 - 6 and immediately reopen the season during which a person may take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size of seven and one-half inches.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in Districts 1 - 3, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen the season during which a person may take salmon only with a gillnet that has a mesh size of five and one-half inches or less and that is not more than 30 meshes in depth.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section and in provisions 5 AAC 01.249 and 5 AAC 05.359-5 AAC 05.369, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the

conservation of a salmon species, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopening the area in

which one or more of the following gears may be allowed;

(1) all salmon species caught by the gear types specified by the commissioner must be released to the water alive unless retention is allowed by the emergency order;

(A) for fish wheels (5 AAC 05.333): the operator must closely attend the fish wheel while it is in operation, and all salmon species specified for release must bypass any livebox;

(B) dip nets may be used as described in 5AAC 05.362(k)(1)(A);

(C) a beach seine may be used as described in 5AAC 05.362(k)(1)(B).