

Regarding PC 29: Yukon Delta Fisheries Development
Association comments to the BOF

Limit the support of Proposal 82 to Districts 1 and 2 only.

PROPOSAL 82

5 AAC 39.250. Gillnet specifications and operations.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

PURPOSE: Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30

What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? *This would require gillnets to have visible float line and floats on the surface of the water in the Yukon Area between May 1 and September 30 for subsistence, personal use, and commercial fishing.*

Rationale by Proponent:

- This proposal would modify the dates when gillnets are allowed to be fished without the float line on the surface of the water in the Yukon Area.
- During salmon seasons, from May 1 to September 30, the float line and floats must be floating on the surface.
- Submerged gillnets are less visible and may be difficult to observe if fishing illegally during closed periods.
- Allowing a gillnet to be in a fishing condition with floats not visible on the surface of the water is a navigation hazard.

ADF&G RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT.

In the Yukon Area, float lines and floats that are visible on the water surface between May 1 and September 30 are beneficial for boater safety, salmon stock management, and enforcement. Fully submerged gillnets will still be allowed during winter fisheries

YDFDA RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 ONLY.