

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Regulation Proposal Form 2022-2023

Proposals must be received Monday, April 11, 2022

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dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov or online<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.proposal&board=fisheries>**BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS**
 Subsistence

 Personal Use

 Sport

 Commercial
***Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**
 Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Island-Chignik Finfish

 Statewide Provisions for Finfish
 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish

 Bristol Bay Area Finfish

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC 07.331 and 5 AAC 01.270***2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

In an effort to conserve Kuskokwim Area Chinook and chum salmon and to respect local customs and practices, the Native Village of Kwinhagak proposes regulatory changes to subsistence and commercial salmon fishing gear and operations. While the NVK supports commercial fishing opportunities on surplus salmon, proposing more restrictive gear and gear operations for subsistence fishing than is allowed in the commercial fishery is of concern, which is why the NVK is proposing these gear restrictions apply to both the subsistence and commercial fisheries.

***3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

5 AAC 07.331 Gillnet specifications and operations. (a) A gillnet must have a mesh size of six inches or less, and may not be more than 45 meshes in depth. **In District 4, between June 1 and July 15, only one gillnet may be operated per boat.** The aggregate length of a set gillnet or drift gillnet may not exceed 50 fathoms, except that if the commissioner determines that there is a harvestable surplus of salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen a season during which the aggregate length of a set gillnet or drift gillnet may not exceed 100 fathoms.

In District 4, there will be no commercial fishing opportunities provided on Sundays between June 1 and July 15.

5 AAC 01.270(new). Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation.

(new) In District 4, between June 1 and July 15, only one gillnet may be operated per boat. In District 4, the aggregate length of a set gillnet or drift gillnet may not exceed 50 fathoms. In District 4, there will be no subsistence fishing opportunities provided on Sundays between June 1 and July 15.

*Submitted By: Native Village of Kwinhagak