

PROPOSAL 12

5 AAC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation.

Add eel stick as a legal subsistence gear type for nonsalmon species in the Kuskokwim Area, as follows:

5 AAC 01.270(c) is amended to read:

(c) Fish other than salmon may be taken only by set gillnet, drift gillnet, beach seine, fish wheel, pot, longline, fyke net, dip net, jigging gear, spear, **eel stick**, a hook and line attached to a rod or pole, handline, or lead.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Eel sticks are currently not a legal subsistence gear type in the Kuskokwim Area and have been traditionally used to harvest arctic lamprey in the Kuskokwim River. A legal definition of eel stick can be found in 5 AAC 39.105(d)(31). The use of eels sticks in the Kuskokwim River are described in Subsistence Division Technical Papers No. 81 (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/techpap/tp081.pdf>) and No. 299 (<https://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/ADFG/TP/2/TP299-2006.pdf>).

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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