

PROPOSAL 115 – 5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and gear specifications. Allow for the retention of king salmon less than 25 inches in length in Yukon Area fish wheel subsistence fisheries, as follows:

- Yukon River subsistence fish wheels
- Subsistence fish wheels that qualify for fish friendly operations would be allowed to retain chinook salmon less than 25 inches in length.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Retention of king salmon in the Yukon River.

There are age classifications of kings within those returning each year that are not needed for sustained yield. Studies in recent years have shown that over 90% of the four year old returning fish are males. The FAC proposal is for a gear restriction within the definition of fish friendly fish wheels that would allow subsistence fishermen to retain a select size of king salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F15-069)
