

PROPOSAL 118 – 5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and gear specifications. Establish specifications for a beach seine used for subsistence fishing in the Yukon Area, as follows:

5 AAC 01.220(f) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(10) a beach seine may not exceed 150 fathoms in length or 100 meshes in depth with mesh size that does not exceed three and one-half inches stretched measure.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Beach seines are legal gear under current subsistence fishing regulations, though there are no specifications. Therefore, any combination of net length, depth, and mesh size could be operated within the Yukon Area as a beach seine. Under current regulations, a very large or very long beach seine could potentially capture king salmon. Because of king salmon conservation concerns, it is prudent to ensure beach seine gear will not cause king salmon mortality. The beach seine gear specifications proposed here would also align with proposed commercial beach seine specifications.

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