

PROPOSAL 122 – 5 AAC 05.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Modify Yukon Area commercial set gillnet length specification to an aggregate length standard, as follows:

5 AAC 05.331(a) is amended to read:

- (a) A [NO] person may **not** operate
 - (1)** set gillnet gear that exceeds 150 fathoms in **aggregate** length;
 - (2)** [NO PERSON MAY OPERATE] drift gillnet gear that exceeds 50 fathoms in length.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Set gillnet gear is currently permitted with gear specifications on length for subsistence and commercial fishing. Subsistence regulations specify set gillnet gear as an aggregate length to allow for multiple nets to be fished, with the combined total length of nets limited to 150 fathoms. This proposal would provide clarification and align commercial regulations of set gillnet length to subsistence regulations.

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