

**PROPOSAL 142 – 5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and gear specifications.** Change the dates gillnet gear may be used in the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Koyukuk River from November 1 through June 30 to August 20 through June 30, as follows:

5 AAC 01.220(f)(8) is amended to read:

Gillnets three and one-half inches, (current size restriction), may be used only from August 20– June 30.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Change the open period for when subsistence gillnet may be used in the Middle and South Fork permit area, from the current November 1 to June 30 season, to August 20 to June 30. This proposal would still protect salmon when present but allow fall harvest of whitefish, grayling, suckers, and pike. I collected salmon samples under ADF&G Commissioner’s permit from 2010 to 2013, for the Genetic Conservation Lab. I found only summer chum and Chinook salmon present in the upper Koyukuk drainages from July15 to August 15. I found no fall chum or coho in the Middle or South fork drainage.

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