

PROPOSAL 65 – 5 AAC 06.367. Nushagak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan. In the Nushagak District repeal emergency order authority to limit gillnet mesh to not exceed four and three-quarters inches, as follows:

5 AAC 06.367(e) is amended to read:

(e) Repealed ####/####. [IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES IT NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF SOCKEYE SALMON, THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPEN, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, FISHING PERIODS IN THE NUSHAGAK DISTRICT DURING WHICH GILLNET MESH SIZE MAY NOT EXCEED FOUR AND THREE-QUARTERS INCHES.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Repeal section 5 AAC 06.367(e) in its entirety. There was no scientific evidence to support the passage of this amended language. The result of this regulation has not lead to the outcome desired when implemented in 2012. The requirement of having additional gear has created an extra cost; has resulted in more permit holders fishing smaller gear which leads to more roll-outs, or wanton waste. Commercial fishing gear can be hung in such a way as to minimize any fallout of untargeted species. Allow the permit holder greater choice and flexibility in the size of fishing gear utilized.

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