

PROPOSAL 81 – 5 AAC 01.320. Lawful gear and gear specifications. Define subsistence fishing boundaries so that the 10 fathom net restriction applies to Dillingham beaches and the 25 fathom net length restriction applies elsewhere, and remove reference to department regulatory markers, as follows:

5 AAC 01.320(b) – (d) are amended to read:

(b) Outside the boundaries of any district, salmon may only be taken by set gillnet, except that salmon may also be taken as follows:

(1) in the Togiak River,

(A) excluding its tributaries, by spear;

(B) between the mouth of the river and upstream approximately two miles to **a line across the river from XX° XX' N. lat., XX° XX' W. long. to XX° XX' N. lat., XX° XX' W. long.** [THE ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS], by a drift gillnet that is not more than 10 fathoms in length;

(2) from August 30 through September 30, by spear, dip net, and gillnet along a 100 yard length of the west shore of Naknek Lake near the outlet to the Naknek River **between a line from XX° XX' N. lat., XX° XX' W. long and XX° XX' N. lat., XX° XX' W. long.** [AS MARKED BY ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS];

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(c) Except as specified in (b) of this section, the maximum lengths for gillnets and beach seines used to take salmon are as follows:

(1) set gillnets may not exceed 10 fathoms in length in

(A) the Naknek, Egegik, and Ugashik Rivers;

(B) the Nushagak District during the emergency order subsistence openings described in 5 AAC 01.310(b);

(C) all waters **of Nushagak Bay upstream of a line from a point approximately two miles south of Bradford Point at 58° 58.63' N. lat., 158° 33.62' W. long. to Snag Point at 59° 03.18' N. lat., 158° 25.59' W. long.** [ENCLOSED BY A LINE FROM AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED TWO STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF BRADFORD POINT TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT NUSHAGAK POINT TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT SNAG POINT];

(2) in the **remaining waters of the Wood River and Nushagak River not described in (c)(1)(C) of this section** [REMAINING WATERS OF THE AREA, INCLUDING THE WATERS OF THE WOOD RIVER AND NUSHAGAK RIVER THAT ARE UPSTREAM OF A LINE FROM AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT NUSHAGAK POINT TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT SNAG POINT], **set** gillnets may not exceed 25 fathoms in length;

(3) beach seines may not exceed 25 fathoms in length.

(d) No part of a set gillnet may be operated within 300 feet of any part of another set gillnet, except that

(1) **in** the Nushagak District from **a point approximately two miles south of Bradford Point at 58° 58.63' N. lat., 158° 33.62' W. long. to a point** [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED TWO STATUTE MILES BELOW BRADFORD POINT TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED] at Red Bluff on the west shore of Wood

River at 59° 09.58' N. lat., 158° 32.36' W. long., no part of a set gillnet may be operated within 100 feet of any part of another set gillnet;

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove reference to department regulatory markers from the description of the lawful gear and gear specifications section. The department has switched to latitude and longitude coordinates to define areas and no longer maintains regulatory markers. Removing references to regulatory markers that are no longer maintained will help clarify the regulations.

(Editor note: Complete coordinates were not available at the deadline for proposals and will be available prior to the meeting.)

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