

**PROPOSAL 230**

**5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and specifications.**

Allow the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C, as follows:

5 AAC 01.220(e) is amended to include paragraphs (4) and (5) to read:

**(4) in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C to the mouth of the Yuki River,**

**(A) king salmon may be taken by drift gillnets from June 10 through July 14, unless closed by emergency order;**

**(B) from June 10 through August 2, the commissioner may open, by emergency order, fishing periods during which chum salmon may be taken by drift gillnets; and**

**(C) chum salmon may be taken by drift gillnets after August 2.**

**(5) a person may not operate a drift gillnet that is more than 150 feet in length and more than 35 meshes in depth during the seasons and areas described in (4) of this subsection.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Subsistence fishermen have noted the limited number and loss of fishing sites for stationary subsistence fishing gear in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. This has resulted in some Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C subsistence fishermen choosing to pay additional fuel costs to participate in the subsistence drift gillnet fishery in Subdistrict 4-A. Subsistence fishermen have reported an increasing number of fishermen fishing in Subdistrict 4-A and that there is increased competition for available drift sites. The loss of sites and additional competition in District 4 subsistence fishing sites resulted in the unforeseen consequence of inadequate opportunity for subsistence fishermen to harvest salmon.

**PROPOSED BY:** Louden, Nulato, and Koyukuk Tribes

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