

PROPOSAL 15

5 AAC 01.320. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

Allow use of small fishwheels to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River, and Dago Creek drainages, as follows:

Add to 242.27 Subsistence taking of fish.

(5) Bristol Bay Area

(iv) Unless otherwise specified, you may take salmon by set gillnet only.

(A) You may also take salmon by spear in the Togiak River, excluding its tributaries.

(aa) You may also take salmon by fish wheel in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River and Dago Creek.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow the use of small fish wheels in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River and Dago Creek for Subsistence use only. Why?

- (a) For better quality of subsistence catch of salmon for home use. Net caught salmon are many times bruised and marked by nets.
- (b) For better control of how many fish are caught. Fish wheels can be designed to allow only so many fish to be caught such as dumping into a tote that will hold 10 to 20 fish at a time with the overflow simply sliding off a fish holding tote back into the river or into a live well for unharmed removal of live fish not needed or protected.
- (c) For use by ADF&G or Fish & Wildlife at the upriver test sites to measure salmon run escapement during test fisheries without harm to the fish.

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