

*Subsistence Salmon (3 proposals)*

**PROPOSAL 14**

**5 AAC 01.320. Lawful gear and gear specifications.**

Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas, as follows:

5 AAC 01.320. (b) is amended to read:

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(b) Outside the boundaries of any district **and within the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River special harvest areas**, salmon may only be taken by set gillnet, except that salmon may also be taken by dip nets in the waters described in 5 AAC 01.310(d) if fishing other than from a vessel, and salmon may also be taken as follows:

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In 2018, the Alaska Board of Fisheries clarified the definition of a district to include special harvest areas. This unintentionally opened the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River special harvest areas to subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear. These areas had previously been restricted to subsistence fishing for salmon with set gillnets only with a maximum length of 10 fathoms.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F22-066)

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**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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**PROPOSAL 16**

**5 AAC 01.330. Subsistence fishing permits.**

Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, as follows:

5 AAC 01.330. (d) is amended to read:

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(d) **Repealed.** [SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING PERMITS FOR THE NAKNEK RIVER DRAINAGE WILL BE ISSUED ONLY THROUGH THE ADF&G KING SALMON OFFICE.]

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Bristol Bay subsistence salmon permits, except for Naknek River subsistence permits, are available online. This regulation prevents the issuance of subsistence permits for Naknek River online or from Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices other than the King Salmon office. Repealing this regulation will increase availability of subsistence permits.

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