

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Jensen

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Substitute language for Proposal 126

5 AAC 05.362(k) is amended to read:

**5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan.**

(k) In Districts 1 – 3, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial gillnet fishing season and immediately reopen a fishing season during **which one or more of the following gear limitations may apply:**

(1) a permit holder may fish with

(A) **for fishing periods of no more than 12 hours**, up to four dip nets; [,] notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.105(d)(24), for the purposes of this subparagraph, a dip net is a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame in which no portion of the bag is constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of four and one-half inches and the frame is attached to a single rigid handle and operated by hand; the depth of the bag must be at least one-half of the greatest straight-line distance, as measured through the net opening; for a dip net with

(i) a circular net frame, the maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed five feet;

(ii) a net frame that is not a circular net frame, the width-height dimensions may not exceed six feet by three feet;

(B) **for fishing periods of no more than 12 hours**, beach seine gear, with a mesh size that does not exceed four inches stretched measure; [AND]

**(C) for fishing periods of no more than eight hours, purse seine gear, during which a purse seine may not exceed a mesh size of four inches stretched measure, 150 meshes in depth, and a total length of 100 fathoms and a vessel used to operate purse seine gear under this subparagraph may not exceed 28 feet in overall length; for the purposes of this subparagraph, "overall length" means the straight line length between extremities of the vessel, excluding anchor rollers, outdrives, outboard motors, and other appurtenances that do not provide any additional**

**flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyance, deck space, or structural support to the vessel; and**

(2) all king salmon caught in a dip net, **[AND]** beach seine gear, **and purse seine gear** must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.