

**Submitted at the request of Board Member Israel Payton by the Alaska
Department of Fish and Game**

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Substitute language for proposal 280:

5 AAC 01.270 (n)(1) is amended to read:

(n) Notwithstanding (b) and (j) of this section, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner, by emergency order, may close the fishing season in any portion of the Kuskokwim Area and immediately reopen the season in that portion during which one or more of the following gear limitations may be implemented:

(1) for gillnets;

(A) a gillnet mesh size may not exceed six inches;

(B) a gillnet mesh size may not exceed four inches and the gillnet may only be operated as a set gillnet; no part of a set gillnet may be more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark or;

(C) gillnet mesh size may not exceed six inches and the gillnet may only be operated as a set gillnet; no part of a set gillnet may be more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark;

[(C) A GILLNET MAY NOT EXCEED THE LENGTH SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN THE EMERGENCY ORDER, EXCEPT THAT A LONGER GILLNET MAY BE USED IF NO MORE THAN THE SPECIFIED LENGTH OF THE GILLNET IS IN A FISHING CONDITION AND THE REMAINDER OF THE GILLNET IS TIED UP OR SECURED SO THAT IT IS NOT IN THE WATER IN A FISHING CONDITION;]

(D) a gillnet may not exceed the length specified by the commissioner in the emergency order, except that, a longer gillnet may be used if no more than the specified length of the gillnet is in a fishing condition and the remainder of the gillnet is tied up or secured so that it is not in the water in a fishing condition;

5 AAC 07.365 (c)(3)(C)) is amended to read:

(3) when the projected escapement of king salmon exceeds the drainagewide escapement goal range,

(A) the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the commercial, sport, and subsistence king salmon fisheries, and after June 11, the directed subsistence king salmon fishery will be open seven days per week; and

(B) after June 11, the commercial and sport fisheries will be managed to provide harvest opportunity on surplus king salmon in excess of escapement and subsistence needs;

(C) notwithstanding (c)(3)(A) of this section, before June 12 the commissioner shall open, by emergency order, at least one subsistence fishing period per week with six-inch [FOUR-INCH] or smaller mesh gillnets; the gillnet may only be operated as a set gillnet and no part of the set gillnet may be more than 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark;