

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Regulation Proposal Form 2020-2021**

Proposals must be received ~~Friday, April 10, 2020~~ **Friday, April 24, 2020. *The proposal deadline has been extended given complications due the COVID-19 pandemic* **PO BOX 115526,
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5526 or FAX (907) 465-6094 or E-MAIL
dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov or online
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.proposal&board=fisheries>**

BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsistence <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Use <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
*Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to? <input type="checkbox"/> Prince William Sound Finfish & Shellfish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Other Shellfish (excluding Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound)
Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.
1. Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC 01-720
*2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The intent of the proposal is to allow subsistence users to use set gillnets when harvesting salmon. The proposed regulation allows set gillnets to be anchored only at one end, which has the effect of requiring nets to be closely attended. The current regulation prohibiting set gillnets is unnecessarily restrictive, as subsistence users should be allowed to use the most efficient legal gear type available to them. In particular, allowing the use of set gillnets will allow people to fish alone more effectively. Managers will still be able to use permit restrictions to address issues at specific sites.
*3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.) Fish may be taken by gear listed in 5 AAC 01.010(a) except as may be restricted under the terms of a subsistence fishing permit and except as follows: (1) in District 13, Redoubt Bay, gillnet or seine gear may not be used to take salmon in any waters of the bay closed to commercial salmon fishing; (2) a set gillnet used to take salmon may only be anchored or fixed at one end except; (A) the mainstream and side channels, but not the tributaries, of the Chilkat River from the terminus to one mile upstream of Wells Bridge; and (B) District 5 in Shipley Bay, not more than 100 yards from the terminus of Shipley Creek;

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