

PROPOSAL 169

5 AAC 33.310. Fishing seasons and periods for net gear.

Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear, as follows:

- (c)(2)(A) Sections 6-A, 6-B, [AND] 6-C **and 6-D** open on the second Sunday of June;
- (B) [DELETE ALL MATERIAL]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Gillnet fishermen wishing to harvest pink salmon in District 6 are precluded from doing so under existing regulations. These conditions are in part due to the closures associated with McDonald Lake conservation measures, which have forced fishermen into already crowded and limited areas. This proposal rectifies the situation by providing access for pink salmon in District 6(D) during years of high pink salmon abundance.

Gillnet fishermen will continue to have limited time and area already. Secondly, gillnetters are not adequately harvesting their allocation of wild pink salmon in Southeast Alaska.

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