## **PROPOSAL 44**

## 5 AAC 01.620. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:

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(4) A vessel engaged in subsistence gillnet may have extra gillnet gear on board the vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Interpretation that any vessel legally engaged in subsistence fishing cannot have extra gear on board to promote efficiency of harvest if the legal amount of gear being used is damaged during the subsistence activity. Being able to continue harvest having a spare amount on board does not harm anyone and is acknowledged by Subsistence regulations. further codifying this will more clearly define any misunderstanding by the public and ADFG to alleviate confusion and stress for subsistence participants.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Coordination with other subsistence users.