

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of chairman Johnstone

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**Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 241**

5 AAC 05.362(j) is amended to read:

(j) In Subdistrict 4-A **and District 6**, 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 set gillnet fishing season and immediately reopen the fishing season during which

(1) a fish wheel may be used; **a fish wheel operated under this subsection must be constructed in a manner that includes**

**(A) basket sides and bottoms consisting of soft mesh material similar to or made of seine web; and**

**(B) an adjustable or fixed slide or chute that**

**(i) consists of a smooth bottom and closed cell foam lined sides; and**

**(ii) returns king salmon immediately to the water;**

(2) the permit holder shall be present at and attend the fish wheel at all times while the fish wheel is in operation; and

(3) all king salmon caught in the fish wheel must be returned immediately to the water alive.