

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey.

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Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 127

5 AAC 04.331(a) is amended to read:

5 AAC 04.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. (a) The aggregate length of a gillnet may not exceed 100 fathoms, except that if the commissioner determines that there is a harvestable surplus of pink salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen a season during which a set gillnet may not exceed

(1) a mesh size of four and one half inches; and

(2) an aggregate length of set gillnet established in the emergency order that is not more than 200 fathoms based on the department's ability to conduct an orderly fishery [NO PERSON MAY OPERATE A GILLNET THAT EXCEEDS 100 FATHOMS IN AGGREGATE LENGTH].