

PROPOSAL 105 – 5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Kuskokwim - Goodnews Area. Modify gear specifications to reduce king salmon harvest in the Kanektok and Arolik rivers, as follows:

5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Kuskokwim - Goodnews Area is amended to read:

Reduce the sport fishing gear sizes to no more than 9-weight for fly fishing rods, no more than 200-grains for fishing lines, and no more than 10-feet for sink tips on fishing lines for the Kanektok and Arolik Rivers.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Chinook salmon stocks in the Kanektok and Arolik Rivers have experienced a state of decline in the recent years resulting in harvest restrictions in the Chinook salmon sport fishery. By reducing the size of their gear during the Chinook salmon season, sport fisherman will decrease their chances of harvesting Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon are an important staple food for many of the indigenous people of Quinhagak who rely on the Kanektok and Arolik River's Chinook salmon runs.

PROPOSED BY: Native Village of Kwinhagak

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