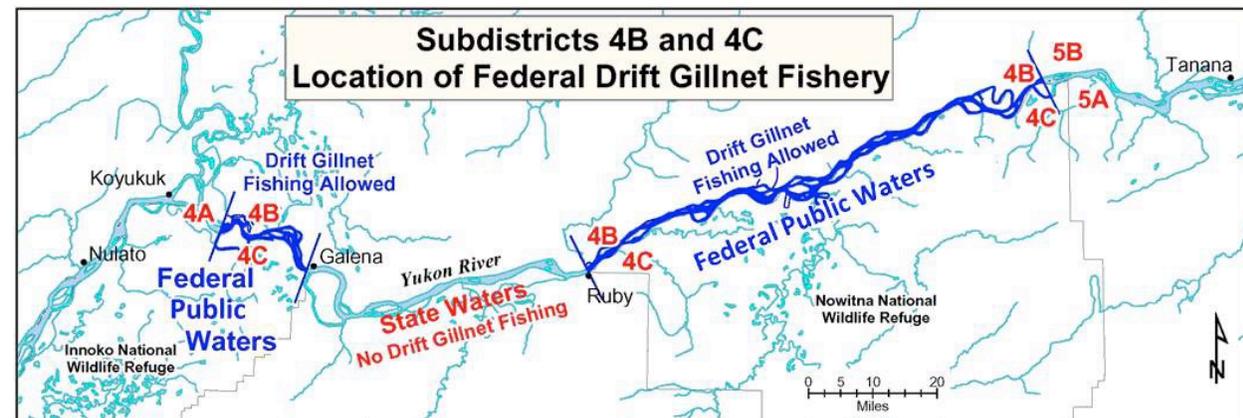
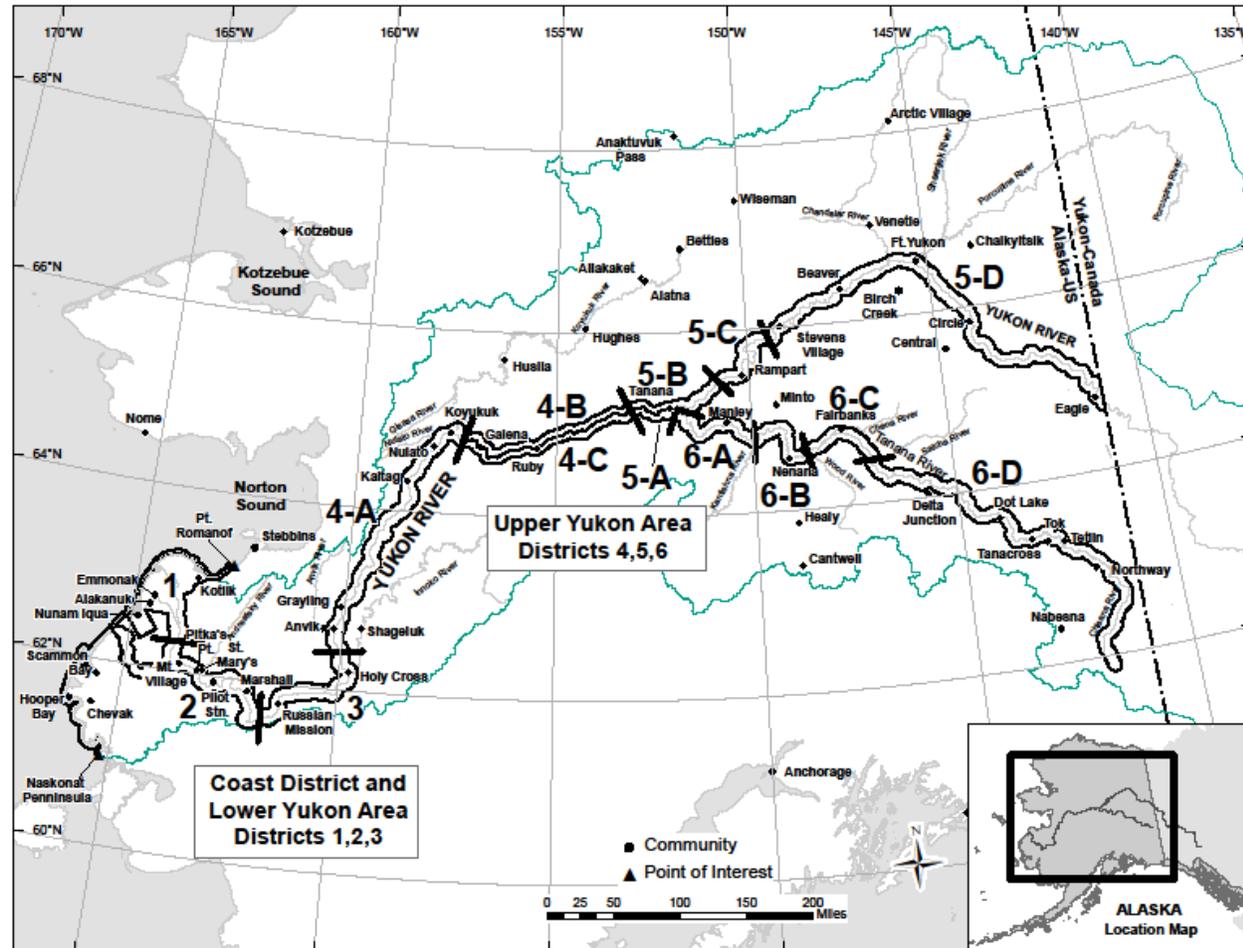


## Proposal 230: Allow drift gillnets in 4-B and 4-C

- If passed, drift gillnets could be used in 4-B and 4-C
- Currently, in state waters of 4-B and 4-C, set nets only can be used
  - Drift gillnets can be used downstream in 4-A
  - Drift gillnets can be used in federal waters of 4-B and 4-C
  - Drift gillnets are not legal above 4-A (and drift gillnetting is not allowed in District 5)
- Why proposed
  - Fishermen report loss of eddies and set net sites
  - Traveling to areas near Koyukuk where drift gillnets can be used is expensive, and puts them in competition with those fishermen
- Proposed by Loudon (Galena), Nulato, and Koyukuk Tribes
- The department is neutral on the allocative aspects and supports providing additional harvest opportunity

# Proposal 230

- 5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and specifications.
- Allow the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C



## Proposal 231: Repeal District 1 and 2 fishing closure during first pulse of kings

- If passed, the department could allow fishing for kings during the first pulse
- Currently, fishing for kings is closed in Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse
  - Even in years when preseason projections and early inseason assessment show a strong run, fishing for kings must still be closed
- Why proposed
  - Mandatory closure is a hardship on lower Yukon fishermen in years when the run is strong enough
  - If this passed, fishermen could harvest kings early when drying weather is better
- Proposed by Kwik'pak Fisheries, LLC
- The department is neutral on the allocative aspects and supports providing additional harvest opportunity
  - Managers may still be cautious because of uncertainty about the run strength during the early part in the run and can still close fishing even if this passes

## Proposal 232: Allow sale of king salmon caught incidentally during chum salmon commercial fishing

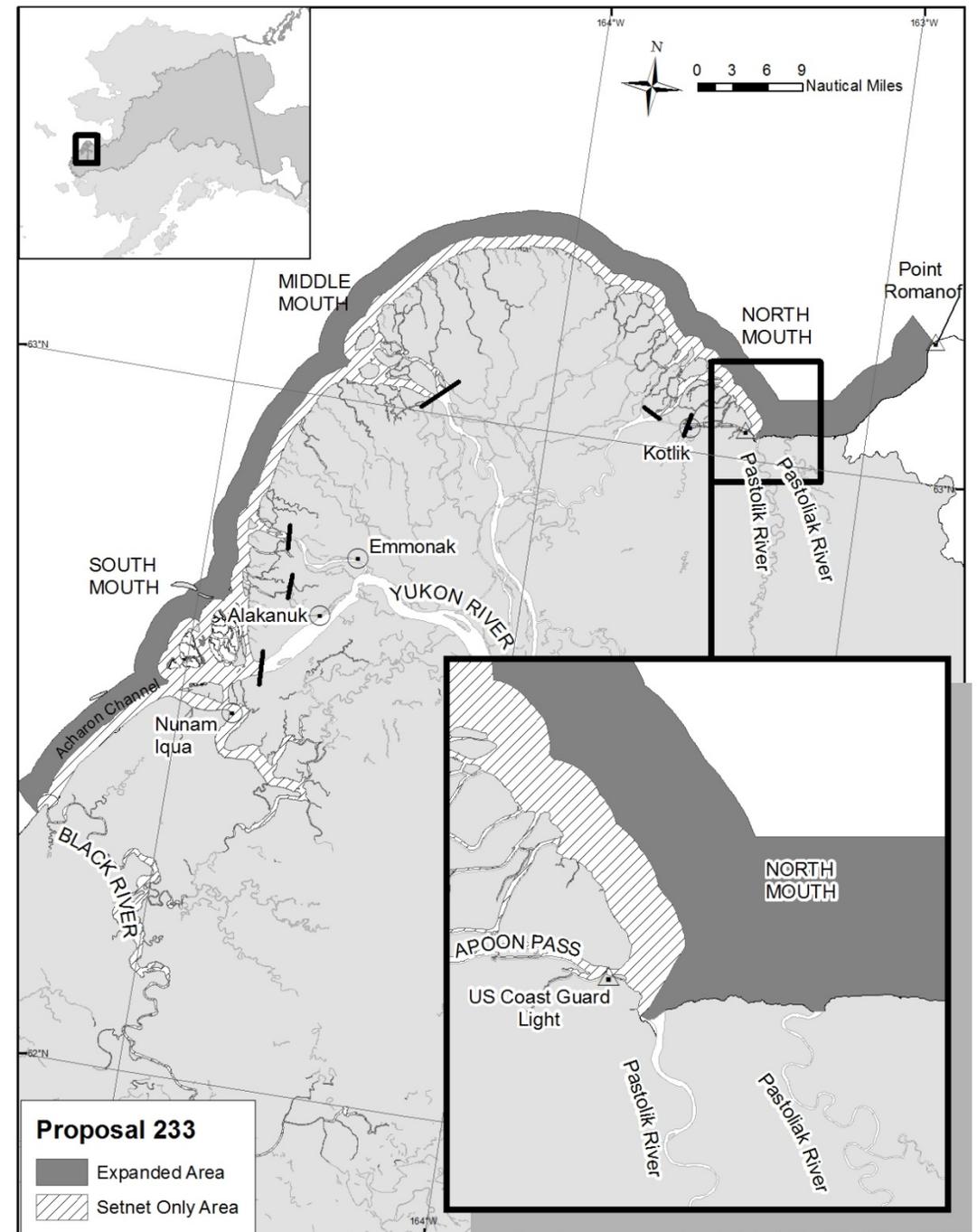
- If passed, the department would have guidance from the Board and could allow the sale of king salmon IF
  - Escapement goals will be met
  - Subsistence fishing is not restricted
  - There is a surplus of king salmon above escapement and subsistence needs
- Currently, if subsistence fishing is restricted in more than one district or subdistrict, sale of king salmon caught incidentally is prohibited
  - King salmon harvested incidentally in chum commercial fisheries are kept for subsistence and cannot be sold
- Why proposed:
  - The department wants guidance from the board
  - When runs are large enough, the sale of incidentally caught king salmon would provide economic opportunity
- Proposed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- The department is neutral on the allocative aspects and supports having regulatory direction and criteria in place

## Proposal 233: Clarify District 1 boundary and areas closed to drift gillnets

- If passed, during the fall season, the set net only area of District 1 would extend out 3 miles from the coast
- Currently, during the fall season, set nets only are allowed in coastal areas of District 1 up to one mile off shore
  - The set net only area has been in place in District 1 during the fall season for decades
  - When the District 1 boundary was extended from 1 mile to 3 miles off shore in the 2016 board cycle, it was unclear if the set net only boundary should also have been extended
- The wording of closed waters between Apoon Pass and Point Romanof needs clarification
- Why proposed:
  - To get clarification from the Board
- Proposed by Kwik'pak Fisheries, LLC
- The department is neutral on the allocative aspects and supports clarifying the regulations

# Proposal 233

- 5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts; 5 AAC 05.330. Gear; and 5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters.
- Clarify the District 1 boundary



## Proposal 237: District 6 commercial fishing closure date

- If passed, the department could keep the commercial fishery in District 6 (Tanana River) open past October 1
- Currently, by regulation, the commercial fishery closes on October 1
  - The department can close the fishery earlier by Emergency Order, but cannot keep the fishery open later even if there are surplus salmon to harvest
- Why proposed:
  - There is demand for fish caught late in the season
  - The fishery has shifted from a roe-based fishery to a market for dog food
  - Cold temperatures are needed to prevent spoiling and warmer fall weather means fishing must occur later
- Proposed by Alaska Board of Fisheries
- The department is neutral on the allocative aspects and supports having the ability to provide additional opportunity
  - Harvest after October 1 would take place very late in the run and occurs on the Tanana River which is a terminal fishery

# Proposal 237

- 5 AAC 05.310. Fishing seasons.
- Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order

