

RC Submitted by Dylan Braund.

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I would like to comment on the substitute language for proposal 44 specified in RC 73. I oppose language that excludes Nushagak setnetters. There are a significant amount of longtime Nushagak setnet fishermen and family operations who would suffer from being excluded setnet permit stacking. The opposition to setnet permit stacking in Nushagak is primarily local drift fishermen. These individuals are not privy to the challenges of keeping a viable setnet operation running. Due to the location and timing of this meeting many of Nushagak setnetters were not able to attend and asked me to speak on their behalf. A vast amount of Nushagak setnetters are in favor of this proposal. Thus, the testimony out of Nushagak is not reflective of the views of setnet fishermen over their.

Please do not exclude Nushagak from this proposal. This will marginalize Nushagak setnet families. Why are they less important than their colleagues on the East side.

Finally, if the Board is contemplating a gear reduction. This would cause us to lose our sites associated with those permits as the leases would not be applicable. Also it would not be practical to fish 25 fathoms behind a 50 fathom net.

Thank you for your consideration.