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Regarding discussion during committee B: RC 133

Closing the drift gillnet fishing openings at 7 feet of above mean low water was discussed. This idea was thought to add further protection for Chinook salmon.

AIFMA opposes this proposal. The fishery is currently managed in this manner by AFD&G. We do not believe ADF&G needs another layer of regulation for what they currently do and further restricting of their managing authority on this specific issue. No testimony was heard that indicated the drift fleet had higher encounter rates for Chinook salmon then the set gillnet gear group with in the Naknek Kvichak district.

Thank for your considerations.

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