

PROPOSAL 28 – 5 AAC 39.280. Identification of stationary fishing gear. Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs, as follows (*This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.*):

Insert "twelve inches" where now says "six inches" and add "with lines at least one inch wide."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently drift boats and setnet skiffs are required to have their Alaska Department of Fish and Game numbers displayed with 12" letters, but shore side set net markings are only required to be six inches. With 20/20 vision, the maximum readable distance is only 200'. Regulations are now inconsistent, and whereas driftnet vessels and set net skiffs can be easily approached for identification, a set net sign for contacting the permit holder for safety or resource issues can be at a distance of up to 1,200'.

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