

PROPOSAL 30 – 5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Change the description of set gillnet exemptions that allow operations where beaches at mean low tide are not connected to either exposed land or land not covered at high tide, by deleting references to regulatory markers, as follows:

5 AAC 06.331(i) is amended to read:

(i) A set gillnet must be set on an area of beach that, at mean low tide, is connected by exposed land to the shore or to land not covered at high tide, except that in the Togiak District between **a point on the southernmost mouth of the Kulukak River at 58° 54.94' N. lat., 159° 43.81' W. long. to a point at the eastern entrance to Metervik Bay at 58° 54.94' N. lat., 159° 43.81' W. long.** [THE SOUTHERNMOST ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF THE KULUKAK RIVER AND THE ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT THE EASTERN ENTRANCE TO METERVIK BAY], between Rocky Point and 160° 20' W. long., and between Togiak Reef and **a point near Mt. Aeolus at 58° 54.82' N. lat., 160° 44.06' W. long.** [THE ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT MT. AEOLUS], no part of a set gillnet may be more than 500 feet from the mean high tide mark and the set gillnet must be substantially perpendicular to the shoreline.

5 AAC 06.331(n) is amended to read:

(n) In the Nushagak District,

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(2) from the cannery dock at Clark's Point to [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] First Creek **at XX' N. lat. XX' W. long.**, 500 feet from the mean high tide mark, or to the minus three foot low tide mark, whichever location is closer to the mean high tide mark;

(3) **from** First Creek **at XX' N. lat., XX' W. long.** to [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT FIRST CREEK TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] Third Creek **at XX' N. lat., XX' W. long.**, 700 feet from the mean high tide mark;

(4) from [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] Third Creek **at XX' N. lat., XX' W. long.** to [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER AT] Etolin Point **at 58° 39.37' N. lat., 158° 19.31' W. long.**, 1,000 feet from the mean high tide mark.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove reference to department regulatory markers from the regulations describing gillnet specifications and operations. The department has switched to latitude and longitude coordinates to define open and closed areas and no longer maintains regulatory markers. Removing references to regulatory markers that are no longer maintained will help clarify the regulations.

(Editor note: Complete coordinates were not available at the deadline for proposals and will be available prior to the meeting.)

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