PROPOSAL 45 – 5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Reauthorize Bristol Bay set gillnet permit stacking, as follows:

5 AAC 06.331 (f) Gillnet specifications and operations. Allow multiple permit use as follows:

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    (f) **Except as provided in (u) of this section,** a person may not operate more than two set gillnets, and the aggregate length of set gillnets operated by that person may not exceed 50 fathoms in length. Notwithstanding 5AAC 39.240 (a), a person may assist in operation or transportation of additional set gillnet gear when the CFEC interim-use or entry permit card holder of the additional gear is present in compliance with 5 AAC 39.107.

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    (u) A CFEC permit holder who holds two Bristol Bay set gillnet CFEC permits may operate no more than four set gillnets, with no more than 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear in the aggregate. No single set gillnet may be more than 50 fathoms in length and no more than 50 fathoms of net may be fished on an individual set net site. **Both of the permit holder's five-digit CFEC permit serial numbers followed by the letter "D" to identify the gillnet as a dual permit set gillnet must be located on the identification buoys required by 5 AAC 39.280 and 5 AAC 06.334. At least one cork every 10 fathoms along the cork line must be plainly and legibly marked with both CFEC permit numbers of the CFEC permit holder. All identifiers must be displayed in a manner that are plainly visible and unobscured and have permanent symbols in a color that contrasts with the background.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To address the continued decrease in the ability for commercial set net fishermen to make a viable living off of fishing only one set net permit, SO4T, in Bristol Bay. It has become increasingly difficult for anyone to make a living off of one set net permit, even with multiply sites.

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