

PROPOSAL 112 – 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Allow holders of two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permits to fish two set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area, as follows:

Dual set net permit holders can fish two nets in the KRSHA. Each permit can fish one set net associated with its CFEC number.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In Cook Inlet setnetters can own and operate two CFEC permits, since 2011.

The issue of fishing dual permits in the KRSMP was never addressed at the 2011 or 2014 BOF Upper Cook Inlet meetings. From 2011 to 2014 it was assumed and ALLOWED by Department of Public Safety that a dual permit holder could fish two set nets in this fishery.

In 2015, Department of Public Safety interpreted the management plan differently, in the plan, (f), stating a permit holder may not use more than one gillnet to take salmon at anyone time. This language has been in the KRSMP, since being put into regulation in the 1980's.

I believe that this issue was an oversight by the BOF, and that it should be clarified that dual permit holders can fish two nets in the Kasilof terminal fishery.

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