PROPOSAL 218 – 5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan. Allow a holder of more than one Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permit to fish with one set gillnet per permit held in the Northern District, as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 21.366 (5) to read “No CFEC permit holder may operate more than one set gillnet per permit at a time.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? When the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan was adopted in November 1985, it contained language limiting the number of nets a person could operate in that fishery to one set net per permit. At that time, a person could only own and operate one S0H4 permit. In 2011, the Board of Fisheries allowed for a Cook Inlet set netter to own and operate two set gillnet permits (SOH4), making the current language in 5 AAC 21.366 (5) confusing and inconsistent with the intent of the regulation allowing a person to own and operate two set gillnet permits.

The current language in 5AAC 21.366 (5) states that “No CFEC permit holder may operate more than one set gill net at a time.”

This proposal is a bookkeeping measure to eliminate confusion in wording in the management plan, make the current language consistent with the original intent of the gear restriction, and make the two regulations consistent.

PROPOSED BY: Northern District Set Netters of Cook Inlet (EF-F16-114)
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