

**PROPOSAL 163**

**5 AAC 30.345. Requirements and specifications for operation of two units of set gillnet gear in Yakutat Area.**

Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision, as follows:

(e) We ask that the sunset clause be removed, and this proposal become permanent.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Gillnetting in the Yakutat area is currently operating under a Board generated proposal with a sunset clause that allows for a person who holds two Yakutat area limited entry gillnet permits to operate two nets in the Situk, Khaliak, or Yakutat bay during the fall season, or for sockeye if the projected Chinook run strength for the Situk River is greater than 1000 fish.

We reviewed implementation of this proposal during the last 5 years that it has been in effect. We found there to be very few who have actually utilized it, and no adverse affects. We feel it provides opportunity for those who wish to work harder to try to better themselves.

**PROPOSED BY:** Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EF-F17-041)

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