

PROPOSAL 46

5 AAC 27.865. Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan.

Increase the amount of harvestable surplus Togiak herring allocated to the purse seine fleet from 70 percent to 88 percent, as follows:

(5) after the herring spawn-on-kelp harvest and the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery have been subtracted, the remaining harvestable surplus is allocated to the Togiak District herring fishery; the department shall manage for a removal of 12 PERCENT [30 percent] of that surplus by the gillnet fleet and 88 PERCENT [70 percent] by the purse seine fleet.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Gillnet participation in the Togiak Herring fishery has changed substantially since the current allocation was adopted by the Board of Fisheries. The reduced gillnet effort has resulted in large amounts of surplus Togiak Herring not being harvested in the Togiak Herring Fishery.

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