ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Regulation Proposal Form 2019-2020
Proposals must be received Wednesday, April 10, 2019
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*Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?
☑ Lower Cook Inlet Finfish      |
☐ Upper Cook Inlet Finfish      |
☐ Kodiak Finfish                |
☐ Statewide King and Tanner Crab|

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC 01.570

*2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?
The area available for subsistence fishing in the Seldovia area is quite limited, and much of the designated area consists of cliff faces, areas with large kelp patches, areas with heavy surf, and areas important for other subsistence uses such as gathering food in the intertidal zone, which makes these areas poor locations for subsistence set-nets. The small geographic area conducive to set netting, compounded by the regulation requiring 600 linear feet between nets, means that some people who would like to participate in the fishery are precluded from doing so because there is insufficient area to accommodate all would-be participants.

*3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

5 AAC 01.570 (b) (3) no part of a set gillnet may be set or operated within 300 [600] feet of any part of another set gillnet, except in the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict, where no part of a set gillnet may be set or operated within 300 feet of another set gillnet. ;

Reducing the required minimum linear distance between set-nets would allow more people to participate in the traditional subsistence fishery, thus preserving Seldovia’s cultural traditions and improving local food security. The total number of setnets would still be quite limited, and it is our belief that this change in regulations would not significantly impact the salmon returns for other local fisheries or for escapement goals.

*Submitted By:  
Seldovia Village Tribe
Individual or Group

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