

PROPOSAL 210

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.

Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point, as follows:

Commercial drift boats must stay 1 nautical mile offshore of the beach & the mean high tide line, on the west side of Cook Inlet from the west forelands, to sea otter point.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Commercial drift boats deploying their nets right on the beach, and in front of stream mouths, choking off the mouths of streams preventing salmon from entering the streams on the west side of cook inlet. the drift fleet is fishing so close to the beach that brown bears at silver salmon creek are taking fish directly out of the nets as the boats are fishing.

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