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**Re: Proposal 56**

Gear stacking is a good solution for addressing the excess fishing capacity within the Prince William Sound (PWS), however for the purpose I do not believe this proposals would have the correct results.

Adding 25 fathoms of gear for a stacked permit is a good medium proposal that most of the fishery would support. I do not however support the depth increase aspect.

This would be too much of an advantage over a single permit holder. It would end by making us more efficient catchers and therefore making the management issues even worse.

**Re: Proposal 57**

Prop 57 I believe is the correct middle. The 25 fathoms of extra gear is not too much of an advantage to create more management issues. 25 fathoms of extra length is a good moderate proposal that addresses the issues of excess fishing capacity in the PWS. While also not being too much of an advantage to make it necessary to compete. I do not see any downside to the proposal as it carries benefit for all of the permit holders without making operations "above others".

Thank you,

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