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Opposition to Proposal 33:

This proposal was developed to increase the distance from shore for the benefit of 3 setnet sites. Originally, the sites were allowed out to 600 ft. Our village had a guy startup a small custom processor, and wanted to move the line out to 1000 ft. He passed away a while back, and the village realized that this was too far out, so we asked for it to be moved back to the original 600 ft. The Board of Fisheries granted us that. This has worked for a long time. Moving it back out will be a navigation hazard in weather conditions and at night. It's a shallow stretch of river, and the current is moving really fast on large tides.

The proposal suggests that there are 11 setnet sites, but there are only 8 permits being fished now in the last 4 years. This proposal won't bring permits back, and just keeps moving the line around. 600 feet has always been the right distance.