

PROPOSAL 39

5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder, as follows:

When a commercial fisher has a shore lease, and is fishing in the waters of said shore lease, then no other fisher shall install an anchor, running line or net within the boundaries of said shore lease. Because the Egegik District is a competitive fishery, commercial fishers should be fined for complaining to the Troopers, if the Troopers determine the commercial fishers are just trying to gain advantage of other commercial fishers for competitive reasons.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like the board to address two concerns. First, other set netters should not be allowed to install their gear on my shore lease. The regulation in the Egegik District states that a set net must be relatively straight out from the shore, when a commercial fisher is in the act of fishing. Other commercial fishers have been complaining to the Troopers that my set net is not relatively straight. The Troopers have been letting me know about these complaints for the past four years and this has cost me fishing time at my shore lease. The problem is that one of the commercial fishers has a screw anchor that is installed 75 feet onto my shore lease. This allows him an advantage of making his set net more relatively straight out as compared to my set net. Second, the AF&G biologist said that the Egegik District is a competitive fishery. For commercial fishers to complain to the Troopers to gain an advantage and for another commercial fisher to have his screw anchor on my lease should not be allowed.

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