

**PROPOSAL 40**

**5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.**

Increase area available to set gillnet fishermen in the Graveyard Point area, as follows:

Within section (m)(5) replace the coordinates and reference to the unnamed creek as follows. alternate text is underlined and italicized:

(5) in the Kvichak Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District from Libbyville Dock to a point near Graveyard Point at 58° 52.07' N. lat., 157° 00.80' W. long. and from the point on the northwest shore of Kvichak Bay at 58°51.74' N. lat., 157°08.19' W. long. north to a point on the northwest shore of Kvichak Bay at 58° 53.37' N. lat., 157° 04.26' W. long., the maximum distance that a set gillnet may be operated offshore is as follows:

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Presently set net fishing is allowed in the majority of the Kvichak district according to section 5 AAC 06.331(m)(5) parts A or B which require nets to be no further than 1,000 feet from the 18' high tide mark OR the shoreward end must go dry at the time of the opening.

I propose making this "OR" allowance applicable either to include an additional mile further west from the unnamed creek referenced in (m)(5). This section of the district has developed a massive mudflat extending from the 18-foot high water-mark out to about the 12' water-mark of over 1,000 feet which makes this area virtually unfishable. Changing this arbitrary reference point would enable fishing opportunities for fishermen looking for alternate fishing grounds when the fish are running on the west side channel.

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