

Kodiak Seiners Association
Amendment Language for proposal 64

5AAC 18.331 Gillnet specifications and operations (a) Except as provided in (e) of this section, a CFEC permit holder may operate no more than two set gillnets, with no more than 150 fathoms of set gillnet in the aggregate, **except in the Central section the aggregate length may be no more than 175 fathoms**

(b) Seine webbing no greater than 3.75 inch mesh size, or polypropylene webbing 3 millimeters or greater in diameter, may be used on the shoreward end of a set gillnet and the length of the seine webbing used may extend no more than 50 fathoms seaward of the beach at the lowest tide of the current day, except that in the Alitak District,

(1) in the Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, Dog Salmon Flats, Inner Akalura, Outer Akalura, Outer Upper Station, and Inner Upper Station Sections, seine webbing may be used only from the high tide mark seaward, and no portion of the seine web may be in water deeper than five feet at the lowest tide of the current day;

(2) in the Alitak Bay Section and that portion of the Moser Bay Section south of a line from Bun Point to the opposite shore at 56° 57.95' N. lat., 154° 08.70' W. long., seine webbing may be used only from the high tide mark seaward, and must meet one of the following requirements:

(A) no portion of the seine web may be in water deeper than five feet at the lowest tide of the current day; or

(B) the length of seine webbing used may be no more than 20 fathoms per set.

(c) Set gillnets must be operated in substantially a straight line, except that no more than **50 [24]** fathoms of a set gillnet may be used as a hook. A hook may be used in any configuration.

This is an idea submitted on behalf of the Kodiak Seiners Association as an attempt to provide some relief to the Northwest Setnet fleet during periods of open fishing. We recognize that any harvest increase due to this change would affect available fish that could be caught by seiners.