

PROPOSAL 111

5 AAC 27.130. Lawful gear for Southeastern Alaska Area.

Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery, as follows:

Give the department the resources to allow pounds with half the surface square footage as those defined in 5 AAC 27.130 (e)(1)(C).

Draft Regulatory Language:

5 AAC 27.130(e)(1)(C)(vi) If the commissioner determines that" half pounds" will contribute to the conservation of a resource or management of the fishery, the commissioner may, by emergency order, allow pounds as defined in 5 AAC 27.130 (e)(1)(C) with half of the surface square footage and a minimum of half of the required permit holders to be used.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 2016, the number of pound structures Craig/Klawock herring pound fishery was 46. The 2017 Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for the Craig/Klawock herring pound fishery was 349 tons. The department estimates that 20 tons of herring are used per pound structure, which only allows for 17.5 pounds on the grounds to remain within the 2017 GHL, and the department is only allowing a minimum of six permit holders to per closed pound.

By only allowing six permit holders per closed pounds this forces permit holders to work with permit holders that are not part of the original group and are not necessarily on the same page regarding management of the pound.

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