

PROPOSAL 142

5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.

Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:

(b)(1)(C) for the ~~2015—2017~~ **[2018 – 2020, or through 2022 if there is a 5 year BOF cycle]**seasons, from the third Sunday in June through statistical week 30, the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is one to one, **[and from statistical week 31 through the end of the season the time ratio for gillnet to seine openings is one to two, except that during the 2016 and 2017 seasons when the preliminary enhanced salmon harvest value data from the previous season indicates the seine gear group is below 46.0% based on the five-year rolling average; however, if the five-year rolling average for seine is at or above 46.0% the fishing ratio is one to one for gillnet to seine, and if the five-year rolling average is at or above 49.0%, the gillnet to seine ratio is two to one;]** ~~within that group's enhanced salmon allocation percentage range, based on the five-year rolling average as described in 5 AAC 33.364, the time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is two to one for the entire season;~~

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The NSRAA board of directors passed a motion by majority vote at its Annual Meeting in March 2017 to adjust the gillnet to seine rotation at Deep Inlet for the purpose of adjusting the allocation imbalance as per **5 AAC 33.364 #94-02-FB**. The purse seine group is below their allocation range (5 year rolling average) and the gillnet group is above its range. This change is expected to significantly effect the annual value of seine harvest in a positive direction and commensurately negatively effect the value of the gillnet harvest.

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