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North K-Beach Setnetters

Late Run King Salmon Plan 600ft Board Clarification

Proposal 104, with substituted language in 152, added a step down option of fishing nets within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark, which is exempt from hours restrictions and gear restrictions. We are asking for board clarification on whether this tool is also exempt from the 1% rule.

Due to large tidal fluctuations in Cook Inlet, fishing within 600ft of the mean high tide mark will most often result in beach nets which are dry a portion of the opener, which would be detrimental to the overall catch, making the 1% an unattainable target.

We believe this is an error in regulation and could result in unintended consequences which would preclude this valuable sockeye harvest tool from being utilized as intended by this board.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important clarification.

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