

Dear Chair and Boardmembers,

My name is David Fleming and I am a lifelong participant in the Eshamy setnet fishery with family history dating to the 1950's setnetting in that district specifically. I am representing my brother as well who is a current setnet permit holder I fish alongside.

I agree with everything the PWS Setnet Association has commented in regards to **opposing proposals 42 and 44**. Nearly all setnetters (25 out of 28) unanimously oppose these 2 proposals. They are extremely allocative and were not brought forth in the correct manner. First off, they are proposed from an **individual** (Not an organization, entity, or group) with minimal publicly recorded support. The correct way to try to change something this important would be to bring representatives from these user groups together for a roundtable discussion.

Below is a cleaner table showing the average Drift participation rate the last 5 years (~25%) compared with the setnet participation (~55%). Rather than attempt to restrict the setnet fleet, there should be more of an attempt to catch fish from the drift fleet before trying to detriment setnet allocation.

CFEC researched Data Participation Rates 2015-2020 Eshamy District

Year	Permit Type	Statistical Area	Permits with Landings	PWS Permt Counts	Participation Rate
2015	S 03E	22510	224	537	0.42
2015	S 03E	22520	220	537	0.41
2015	S 03E	22521	188	537	0.35
2015	S 03E	22527	56	537	0.10
2015	S 03E	22528	134	537	0.25
2015	S 03E	22529	48	537	0.09
2015	S 03E	22530	184	537	0.34
2015	S 04E	22510	11	29	0.38
2015	S 04E	22520	24	29	0.83
2015	S 04E	22521	23	29	0.79
2015	S 04E	22527	14	29	0.48
2015	S 04E	22528	17	29	0.59
2015	S 04E	22529	19	29	0.66
2015	S 04E	22530	20	29	0.69
2016	S 03E	22510	186	537	0.35
2016	S 03E	22520	170	537	0.32
2016	S 03E	22521	153	537	0.28
2016	S 03E	22527	98	537	0.18
2016	S 03E	22528	85	537	0.16
2016	S 03E	22529	63	537	0.12

2016	S 03E	22530	150	537	0.28
2016	S 04E	22510	7	29	0.24
2016	S 04E	22520	24	29	0.83
2016	S 04E	22521	22	29	0.76
2016	S 04E	22527	15	29	0.52
2016	S 04E	22528	14	29	0.48
2016	S 04E	22529	21	29	0.72
2016	S 04E	22530	14	29	0.48
2017	S 03E	22510	226	537	0.42
2017	S 03E	22520	222	537	0.41
2017	S 03E	22521	215	537	0.40
2017	S 03E	22527	115	537	0.21
2017	S 03E	22528	96	537	0.18
2017	S 03E	22529	85	537	0.16
2017	S 03E	22530	143	537	0.27
2017	S 04E	22510	9	29	0.31
2017	S 04E	22520	24	29	0.83
2017	S 04E	22521	21	29	0.72
2017	S 04E	22527	18	29	0.62
2017	S 04E	22528	18	29	0.62
2017	S 04E	22529	20	29	0.69
2017	S 04E	22530	13	29	0.45
2018	S 03E	22510	211	536	0.39
2018	S 03E	22520	262	536	0.49
2018	S 03E	22521	219	536	0.41
2018	S 03E	22527	92	536	0.17
2018	S 03E	22528	70	536	0.13
2018	S 03E	22529	112	536	0.21
2018	S 03E	22530	214	536	0.40
2018	S 04E	22510	7	29	0.24
2018	S 04E	22520	19	29	0.66
2018	S 04E	22521	18	29	0.62
2018	S 04E	22527	9	29	0.31
2018	S 04E	22528	7	29	0.24
2018	S 04E	22529	19	29	0.66
2018	S 04E	22530	11	29	0.38
2019	S 03E	22510	228	536	0.43
2019	S 03E	22520	171	536	0.32
2019	S 03E	22521	187	536	0.35
2019	S 03E	22527	47	536	0.09
2019	S 03E	22528	15	536	0.03
2019	S 03E	22529	59	536	0.11
2019	S 03E	22530	196	536	0.37

2019	S 04E	22510	13	28	0.46
2019	S 04E	22520	19	28	0.68
2019	S 04E	22521	20	28	0.71
2019	S 04E	22527	9	28	0.32
2019	S 04E	22528	10	28	0.36
2019	S 04E	22529	15	28	0.54
2019	S 04E	22530	18	28	0.64
2020	S 03E	22510	256	536	0.48
2020	S 03E	22520	293	536	0.55
2020	S 03E	22521	179	536	0.33
2020	S 03E	22527	36	536	0.07
2020	S 03E	22528	29	536	0.05
2020	S 03E	22529	38	536	0.07
2020	S 03E	22530	252	536	0.47
2020	S 04E	22510	15	28	0.54
2020	S 04E	22520	18	28	0.64
2020	S 04E	22521	14	28	0.50
2020	S 04E	22527	7	28	0.25
2020	S 04E	22528	6	28	0.21
2020	S 04E	22529	16	28	0.57
2020	S 04E	22530	14	28	0.50

Also, the setnet fleet has only been out of compliance of their allocation 3/10 years as seen from the table below:

Table Below from Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Five year rolling average allocation percentages by gear type, 2006–2020.

Management Year	Drift gillnet	Purse Seine	Set Gillnet
2020	52.30%	47.70%	5.40%
2019	43.10%	56.90%	4.70%
2018	46.70%	53.30%	5.20%
2017	47.00%	53.00%	5.10%
2016	44.70%	55.30%	4.50%
2015	44.60%	55.40%	4.30%
2014	46.30%	53.70%	4.30%
2013	42.40%	57.60%	4.10%
2012	39.00%	60.90%	3.70%
2011	41.00%	59.00%	4.00%
2010	37.90%	62.10%	3.70%

Additionally I would like to inform you that 2 out of the 7 of Eshamy District statistical areas (containing North and South Lines) have caught on average 49.4%* of the total fish caught over the last 5 years. Like I mentioned in my public testimony the sole two lines obscure the setnet catch rate greatly. This is widely known amongst the whole fleet.

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Lastly, we can only fish in **one** district. The other fleets have 3-4 to choose from dependent on year. Eshamy began historically as a setnet district and was this has

been acknowledged by the BOF dating back to 1984 when the Main Bay Salmon Hatchery Harvest Plan (5AAC24.367); it was acknowledged that the set gillnet gear group would benefit most from the Main Bay Hatchery.

The Tsiu River district that is open to setnetters in the fall (and was mentioned) is over 170 miles away from Eshamy in one of the most remote areas of SE Alaska. Most setnetters do not fish or have ever gone there (including myself).

I also would like to mention that we **oppose Proposal 45**. It is supported by enforcement as an excellent way to reduce gear conflict. The way it is currently written makes it unreasonable to assume that a gillnet can be held within 1 fathom with no movement in between two set nets.

Thank you for all of your time and efforts into all these matters.