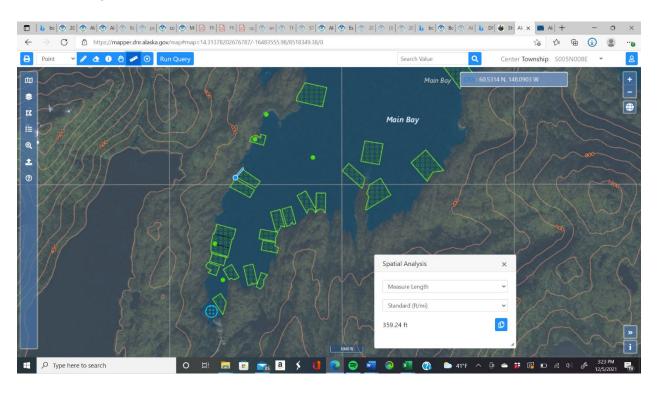
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The increase of five fathom distance required of a drift operation to be from a setnet was due to the board belief that setnets could only be 50 apart due to shoreside leases. (See Alaska Mapper Diagram above) This is not true and inadvertently by adopting this proposal will allow the setnet fleet to adjust their gear up to 59 fathoms apart coopting more beach opportunity from the drift fleet in a hatchery terminal harvest area. The DNR sight is interactive and shows distances. The setnet fleet also fills up and uses space anywhere on any beach if they are 50 fathoms apart without DNR leasehold basically they move and adjust to create the best opportunity for themselves despite testimony to the contrary. The minority of setnet permit holders that benefit from this also have sites outside the bay that they access after cleanups, and it is the drift gillnet fleets intention to help the board understand the quantity of space lost and quality of opportunity i.e. Terminal Harvest Area. We do not want to take away space from the setnet fleet and if they have setnets 50 fathoms apart we think they should profit from the sockeye build up in those 25 fathoms and that no driftnet can be legally set in between. If the opportunity exists with any other room, be it 5 feet or 5 fathom, we believe that opportunity should be afforded to the drift fleet which is the primary gear type to be afforded the harvest as evidenced by the allocation percentages.

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