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I would like to propose an amendment to Proposal 141. I feel that Proposal 141 has a similar intent, and propose to amend the allowable depth of seine gear in those areas from 375 to 275 meshes deep. They will be as follows:

5 Alaska Admin. Code § 09.332

**(a)** Purse seines or hand purse seines may not be less than 100 fathoms nor more than 250 fathoms in length. A purse seine or hand purse seine may not exceed **275** [375] meshes in depth. Seine mesh may not be more than three and one-half inches, except that the first 25 meshes above the leadline may not be more than seven inches. The aggregate length of a seine and lead shall not exceed 250 fathoms.

When I submitted proposal 135, the Chignik River Chinook had not been designated a stock of concern. This amendment would complement the objectives of 141 that are now needed in Chignik. This amendment is in no way meant to be a substitute for action on any other proposals. It is meant to streamline similar objectives in response to Stock of Management and Yield concerns in the Chignik River, Nushagak River, Kuskokwim River, and Yukon rivers. It is also meant to address concerns of missed escapement goals in Bristol Bay, and in all of Coastal Western Alaska.

### **Area M Oppose**

This proposal would create an estimated cost of \$5,000 per seine vessel and \$320,000 to entire fleet. There is no scientific evidence to support this proposal, and the AMSA plan would not allow retention of kings similar to Chignik.

*Per the current regulation for Chignik, 5 AAC 15.332 (d) A seine may not be less than three fathoms or more than 375 meshes in depth, In addition, a maximum of 25 meshes of chafing gear with a maximum mesh size of seven inches may be used, it makes no sense to change the current Area M regulations, without also changing the Chignik regulations.*