

PROPOSAL 47

5 AAC 06.333. Requirement and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay.

Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows:

Allow a permit holder to own and fish two Bristol Bay Drift permits, using the existing structure of the right to fish four 50 fathom shackles of gear with two permits and three shackles using one permit. This is commonly referred to as permit stacking.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow a permit holder to own and fish two Bristol Bay Drift permits. I. E. Permit stacking. This action would reduce the number of boats and some of the gear conflicts that occur. Our fishing districts are too small and the fleet has become fast and maneuverable. Turning a chaotic line fishery down right dangerous.

Less boats and less net in the water means less chinook bycatch and less antisocial behavior. Seems like enforcement could use a bit of a break.

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