

**PROPOSAL 189**

**5 AAC 27.132. Seine specifications and perations for Southeastern Alaska Area.**

Reduce by half the length limit of purse seine net for commercial herring harvest.

To accomplish this, we recommend revising 5 AAC 27.132 as follows:

(a) A herring purse seine may not be more than **100** [200] fathoms in length.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Too many herring are being set on during a season. Part of the problem is that the nets deployed by the commercial fishery are massive. A smaller net would allow for more precise fishing and less catch-and-release, and thus lower scale loss, disease, mortality, stress, etc.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** We developed the proposal in consultation with a small group of subsistence herring egg harvesters and community elders and were informed by prior conversations with many others

**PROPOSED BY:** Herring Protectors

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