

PROPOSAL 110

5 AAC 15.332. Seine specifications and operations.

Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length as follows:

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(d) A seine may not be less than 3 fathoms or more than **325** [375] meshes in depth, **including** [. IN ADDITION,] a maximum of 25 meshes of chafing gear with a maximum mesh size of seven inches [MAY BE USED].

(e) A lead may not be more than 75 fathoms in length. In the Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville Districts, the aggregate length of seine and lead may not be more than 225 fathoms in length. **In the Chignik Bay District, the aggregate length of seine and lead may not be more than 125 fathoms in length.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations allow Chignik purse seines outside of the Chignik Bay District to be up to 375 meshes deep. It is time to reduce the depth of our seines to help conserve chinook salmon.

In addition, purse seines in the Chignik Bay District are limited to 125 fathoms in length, but an omission in the regulatory language technically allows for a 75 fathom lead to be used in addition to the purse seine, which was not the intent nor has ever been used in the Chignik Bay District. We need a simple sentence added to the regulations to clarify the aggregate length of seine and lead allowable in the Chignik Bay District to bring it into line with the original intent of the regulation.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. This proposal is being submitted by the Chignik Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED BY: Chignik Advisory Committee

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