

PROPOSAL 150

5 AAC 09.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.250(c), in a set gillnet in the Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts (South Peninsula), the gillnet web may be single filament.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The regulation for setnet gillnet filament has to have at least six strands in the South Peninsula District. Algae buildup is a problem with using six filament gillnet web. Setnets are stationary in the water column, with tide going through the net, the filament fills up very fast with silt and algae rendering the net unfishable in matter of minutes. Setnets on the South Peninsula were 30 filaments in very far past, then were reduced to 6 filaments. A single filament is the most practical for the setnet to reduce the algae and silt build up in the web, there are no strands that can trap the silt and algae. With cost of fuel, fishing time, we need an efficient net in the water to offset these inefficiencies of the six strand fillement.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes I brought this proposal before the Sand Point Advisory Committee and they approved it.

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