

PROPOSAL 151

5 AAC 09.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear as follows:

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[(5) IN THE UNIMAK, SOUTHWESTERN, SOUTH CENTRAL, AND SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICTS, 25 FATHOMS OF SEINE WEBBING MAY BE USED ON THE SHOREWARD END OF A SET GILLNET;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulation allows 25 fathoms of seine webbing to be used on the shoreward end of a set gillnet in the South Peninsula salmon fishery on the theory the seine webbing is necessary to make fishing easier and safer when the weather is bad. Another Regulation allows the shoreward end of a set gillnet to be anchored up to one-half mile from the mean high tide mark. Instead of protecting the safety of the set gillnet fleet, the combination of these regulations allows set gillnet fishermen to increase their catching power. There is no legitimate reason for maintaining this regulation - it is simply an expansion of an intercept fishery.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes. Input from local fishermen was solicited in the development of this proposal

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