

PROPOSAL 153

5 AAC 09.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

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

5 AAC 09.331

(c) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.250(c), in a set gillnet in the Northern District, the Northwestern District, the Unimak District, the Southwestern District, the Southcentral District, and the Southeastern District, the gillnet web may be single filament.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal would allow the use of single strand filament web in the set gill net fishery.

The set gill net fishery in the Northern district allows the use of monofilament gill nets. Allowing all set gill netters in the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands area (Area M) to be able to use single strand filament web in the fishery would bring rules into alignment. There are many good reasons besides rule alignment. Single strand filament gill net web is less susceptible to algae and other suspended elements in the ocean such as silt. It is easier to clean and manage debris than multifilament gill net web. It is also likely to be cheaper.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This proposal was developed by the Sand Point Advisory Committee with community input.

PROPOSED BY: Patrick Brown, Sand Point AC Chair

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