

PROPOSAL 90

5 AAC 06.341. Vessel specifications and operations.

Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows:

“Gillnet Roller” means a device used solely in aid of deploying and retrieving drift gillnet gear, **which extends no more than 30” beyond the 32’ overall length at its longest point;** a “gillnet roller” does not provide any additional flotation or planing surface to the vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The definition of a “Gillnet Roller.” Currently a Gillnet roller is defined only by use (with no physical limit). There are vessels that do not meet the sole use definition, but are difficult (and therefore expensive) to enforce. This has caused frustration for both lawful fishermen due to unfair competitive advantage for the lawbreakers and to Troopers trying to enforce the law.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I came up with it on my own after much discussion with other fishermen and Troopers David Bump and Aaron Frenzel.

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