PROPOSAL 276 – 5 AAC 39.117. Vessel length; bulbous bow. Redefine the method used to determine maximum overall length of salmon purse seine vessels, as follows:

5 AAC 39.117 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in 5 AAC 01 – 5 AAC 39, the addition of a bulbous bow may cause a vessel, other than a vessel engaged in the Bering Sea hair crab fishery, to exceed an established vessel overall length limitation. Only that portion of the vessel comprising the bulbous bow may cause the vessel to exceed a vessel overall length limitation.

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(c) Anchor rollers extending beyond the forward extremity of the bow are not included in the determination of the overall length of a salmon seine vessel as specified in AS 16.05.835 or a regulation of the Board of Fisheries, however when anchor rollers are inset into the bow, or placed behind the bow, the determination of overall length is made using the forward extremity of the bow.

(d) For the purposes of this section and as used in AS 16.05.835 (c), "anchor roller" means a device used solely in aid of deploying and retrieving anchor gear, and does not provide any additional flotation, planing surface, deck surface, or structural support to the vessel. The anchor roller may not extend more than 12 inches beyond the overall length restriction for the vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The current regulation limits Alaska purse seine vessels to a maximum length of 58 feet overall length. Section C states overall length means the straight line length between the extremities of the vessel excluding anchor rollers. The problem is a few vessel owners have modified their vessels to place the anchor roller a few feet into the vessel from the bow and when trooper enforcement attempts to measure the overall length, the vessel owners insists the "overall length" must be measured from behind the anchor roller which in several cases is several feet from the pointy end of the vessel. Thus, they have rendered the 58 foot limit ineffective.

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