

**PROPOSAL 380 - 5 AAC 39.975 (XX). Definitions.** Establish a definition for “anchor roller” as follows:

5AAC 39.975(XX) “anchor roller” means a device used solely in aid of deploying and retrieving anchor gear, and does not provide any additional flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyancy, deck space, or structural support to the vessel;

**ISSUE:** During summer months of 2011, reports were received by the Alaska Department of Public Safety that commercial purse seine fishing vessels longer than the allowable overall length were being used to take salmon. The Alaska Legislature has limited the allowable length of purse seine vessels in Alaska to 58 feet in "overall length" (AS 16.05.835). The Alaska Legislature defines “overall length” as the straight line length between the extremities of the vessel, excluding anchor rollers. The term “anchor roller” is not defined on a statewide basis.

It was found that vessels of more than 58 feet in overall length had been modified by removing a section of the bow (in one case, several feet of vessel hull length), and then bolting the bow section back on. The owner then considered this hull section to be an “anchor roller.” A clear definition on a statewide basis is needed to clarify what is and is not an "anchor roller."

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE?** The term "anchor roller" will continue to be undefined in regulation and may continue to be disputed or misunderstood by the public.

**WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED?** No.

**WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT?** The general public and law enforcement will have a clear definition of "anchor roller." Disputes or misunderstanding will be minimized.

**WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER?** No one.

**OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?** No other solutions were considered as a clear definition would be of best service to the public.

**PROPOSED BY:** Board of Fisheries

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