

PROPOSAL 190 – 5 AAC 09.332. Seine specifications and operations. Change purse seine depth measurement standard from number of meshes deep to an equivalent depth measurement in feet and inches, as follows:

Prefer the department regulation to describe the seine depth in equivalent terms using feet and inches.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulation describes the allowable depth of a purse seine for the South Alaska Peninsula salmon fishery as 350 each 3.5 inch meshes plus 25 each seven inch meshes. Fishermen who recently purchased nets that were built with Indian web have experienced shrinkage that traditional American web does not exhibit. These fishermen are not allowed to modify their nets to equal depths of other fishermen's nets by simply adding a strip of web, because the seine depth regulation is based on number of meshes. This regulation assumes all nets will retain same hanging depths over time, thereby disadvantaging fisherman who have purchased these new Indian web nets.

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