

PROPOSAL 220 - 5 AAC 06.XXX. Vessel specifications and operations. Prohibit net barges, floating processors, tenders, and hard fixed buoys in waters of the Egegik District during open drift gillnet fishing periods, as follows:

All net barges, floating processors, tenders and hard fixed buoys to be removed in open water fishing for the drift fleet, 30 min before the opener to 1 hour after high water.

All net barges, floating processors, tenders and hard fixed buoys to be anchored outside the west line. Only to come into the district if the Egegik district is closed to the drift fleet.

Any fixed net barges or not-in-rotation tenders being used on standby outside the Egegik district. To ease the constriction of the Egegik district.

The area behind Goose Point will be the new Tender Alley, or the area for tenders and net barges. This area typically over the years is not a heavily fished area and is also protected during bad weather.

As in the Naknek district all tenders and net barges are anchored outside the district. Egegik needs to follow suit to allow more fishing grounds, so as to ease the tensions of a constricted fishing area and for safety concerns to crew and vessels that get wrapped around the buoys and anchored vessels while the district is open for drift fisherman.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Tenders and net barges anchored in/on the open fishing grounds of the Egegik district from inside Coffee Point or around Coffee Point to the outside west line of district. (known as Tender Alley) There should not be fixed or fully anchored buoys (net barges, processors and derelict vessels) or vessels anchored in open fishing waters during drift net district openers.

It is a dangerous situation of wrapping nets and gear around anchor buoys, tenders and non-useable floating hazards.

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