

PROPOSAL 27 – 5 AAC 39.280. Identification of stationary fishing gear. Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers, as follows (*This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.*):

Setnet markings signs shall include the name of the permit holder in letters at least 6" high and 1" wide, the same as the vessel name for drift vessels. The permit holder may include a phone number for contact.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently drift boats and set net skiffs are required to have their Alaska Department of Fish and Game numbers displayed with 12" letters, drift vessels are required to have the vessel name in 6" letters. Normally a vessel or skiff can be contacted by physically approaching or by VHF using the vessel name. The regulations require the name of the fishermen operating a set gillnet to display the name of the fisherman operating it but there are no requirements for the size of the display of the fisherman's name. They could legally be 1" or less high and marking pen size thin. Set net identification signs can be a great distance, especially at low tide. In an emergency or other concern, the fisherman's name allows other to contact the fisherman by phone, VHF, or other means, and do so directly, especially when resources to track by Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission are closed. Require the set net fisherman's name to be in letters at least 6" high and at least 1" wide.

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