

PROPOSAL 32 – 5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration. Change the area registration date requirement for the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery, as follows:

Return to regulation prior to 2010— "5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration. (a) Before taking salmon in Bristol Bay, each commercial salmon set gillnet or drift gillnet CFEC permit holder shall register for a district described in 5 AAC 06.200. Each drift gillnet permit holder also shall register for the same district the drift gillnet vessel that the permit holder will be operating. Initial district registration is accomplished by completing a registration form provided by the department and returning the completed form to the department office in Dillingham or King Salmon. For the purposes of this section, a CFEC permit holder and a drift gillnet vessel may be registered in only one district at a time." And this means no waiting until June 25 to register for a specific fishing district.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The issue is the unrestricted mobility of the drift fleet until June 25. We propose to go back to the district registration of drift permits as it was prior to 2010. The Egegik District has earlier run timing than the rest of the Bay so the entire Bristol Bay fleet can potentially fish in Egegik District when we are under regulations starting June 16 and they are on free week. With all of those extra boats it makes it extremely difficult for our biologist to distribute fish inside the district and achieve early escapement which should be our top priority.

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