

PROPOSAL 49 – 5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Allow two set gillnet permit holders to jointly operate with up to 75 fathoms of set gillnet gear and require both permit numbers on identification sign, as follows:

I recommend the board allow: Two setnet permit holders can register as a Dual and fish 75 fathoms of gear on one site. If the two permit holders opt to fish as a dual they would not be able to fish the extra 25 fathoms on another site at the same time. This would remove 25 fathoms of gear from the water and help consolidate operations and limit costs and delivery and picking time. Setnet signs would list both permit numbers and dual to signify this.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like the board to address the lack of setnet permit holders not having a dual permit option to fish additional gear on one site as the drift permit owners do on one boat. Setnet permit holders should have the option as drifters do to consolidate operations, limit costs and better manage their business. It will help save fuel costs due to long travel time between sites and faster delivery time for higher quality fish. For example a fishing family with two permits and two sites far from each other could consolidate and fish both on one site. Two permits registered as dual would be allowed to fish 75 fathoms of gear on one site. The other 25 fathoms would not be allowed to fish at the same time. This removes 25 fathoms from the water.

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