

**PROPOSAL 109 – 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.** Provide clarification on the use of gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) limited entry permits, as follows:

5 AAC 21.365(f)(5) may be amended to read:

(5) a permit holder may not use more than one **set** gillnet **per permit** to take salmon at any one time;

Or

(5) a permit holder may not use more than one **set** gillnet **per person** to take salmon at any one time;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This proposal seeks clarification on the use of gear in the KRSHA for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet CFEC permits. According to provisions found in 5 AAC 21.331. *Gillnet specifications and operations*, a CFEC permit holder who holds two Cook Inlet set gillnet CFEC permits may operate up to 210 fathoms of set gillnet gear. However, the KRSHA language found in 5 AAC 21.365(f)(5) currently reads “a permit holder may not use more than one gillnet to take salmon at any one time.” This language is somewhat ambiguous regarding permit holders who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet CFEC permits. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game seeks board clarification as to whether an individual who owns two set gillnet permits may fish only one net in the KRSHA, or if they are allowed to fish one net per permit, which would be up to two nets, when fishing in the KRSHA.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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