

PROPOSAL 110 – 5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one gillnet per limited entry permit held, as follows:

5AAC 21 3.65(f) would be amended to read:

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

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 1986 when the Kasilof Special Harvest Area was created, set gillnet gear was limited to one 35 fathom set gillnet per permit. In 2011 when the board allowed a person in Cook Inlet to hold and operate two permits the wording in 5AAC 21.365(f)(5) became ambiguous. The current wording is:

5AAC 3.65(f)(5) a permit holder may not use more than one gillnet to take salmon at any one time.

Enforcement is interpreting this to mean a dual permit holder can only fish one net in the KRSHA total, not one per permit as intended, for a total of two nets.

The intent of this proposal is to make it clear that when fishing in the KRSHA, a permit holder can fish no more than one 35 fathom set gillnet per permit, meaning a dual permit holder could fish two nets.

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