(Proposal 36 was submitted by two proposers. The proposal and two justifications by each proposer are provided below.)

PROPOSAL 36 - 5 AAC 21.330. Gear. Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted, as follows:

5 AAC 21.330. Gear.
(b) Set gillnets may be used only in the following locations:
  (1) Southern District: within 1,000 feet of beach areas that at mean low water are connected by exposed land to the shore, except as specified in (1)(E) of this section, and only in the following locations:
    (A) on Ismailof Island east of 151° 13.10' W. long., and the mainland south of Ismailof Island from 151° 13.10' W. long., to 151° [12.25' W. long.] **12.12' W. long.**;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In March 1993, DNR Shore Fisheries Leasing staff issued a shore fisheries lease that was approximately 400 feet beyond the regulatory boundary for set gillnet gear in the Halibut Cove area. This error was not identified by DNR staff in the Shore Fishery Lease section, by ADF&G staff responsible for regulating this fishery, or by Public Safety personnel responsible for regulatory compliance monitoring until June 2015. This location has been fished consistently for 22 years since that time. This proposal would align closed water and shore lease fishery boundaries and allow commercial fishing at this location.

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