

PROPOSAL 141

5 AAC 33.376. District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 33.383. District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.

Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas, as follows:

Proposed language:

Adjust net rotation schedules for drift gillnet and purse seines in Deep Inlet and Anita Bay on a 1 day gillnet to 1 day seine net rotations, starting the first EO of 2018 to the last EO of 2020.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The enhanced allocation data shows the gillnet fleet above their range and the seine fleet slightly below their range according to the 5-year rolling average. A shift in time to 1:1 for the next 3 years would put the seine fleet with in their allocation range. Due to the seine fleets' gear efficiencies and overall catching power, any modification of more time other than 1:1 rotation at Deep Inlet or Anita Bay is excessive.

This proposal modifies net rotation schedules at both Deep Inlet and Anita Bay to address enhanced salmon allocation imbalance.

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