

PROPOSAL 42

5 AAC 24.367. Main Bay Salmon Hatchery Harvest Management Plan.

Repeal maximum length for set gillnet gear in the *Main Bay Salmon Hatchery Harvest Management Plan* and prohibit operation of a drift gillnet within 20 fathoms of a set gillnet, as follows:

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(1) No portion of a drift gillnet may be operated within 20 fathoms of a set gillnet. [NO SET GILLNET MAY EXCEED 50 FATHOMS IN LENGTH]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lack of access to traditional beach drifts for the gillnet fleet inside Main Bay. The board changed the regulation for set net separation inside the Main Bay Subdistrict to allow set net operations additional sites. This has been compounded by the inundation of the shoreline with lines and buoys throughout recent seasons. This reduction in legal distance is one method to make room for all participants.

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