

PROPOSAL 45

5 AAC 24.331 Gillnet specifications and operations.

Limit each Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holder to no more than four set gillnet sites deployed with lines and buoys in the Prince William Sound Area commercial set gillnet fishery, as follows:

(E) No set gillnet permit holder shall have more than four set net sites deployed with lines and buoys during an announced opener.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The marked increase in unused set net sites throughout the Crafton Island Subdistrict and Main Bay Subdistrict. The buoys and lines deployed at these sites occupy legal fishing area and preclude the drift fleet from historic beach area. By limiting sites that are ready to set to four total sites, this issue would be alleviated while not precluding a set net operations ability to have additional sites with anchors and sunken lines set up. This would allow the area to be used by the drift fleet in a historic and efficient fashion.

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