

**PROPOSAL 46**

**5 AAC 24.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts.**

Change boundary description of the Main Bay Subdistrict, as follows:

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(h) Eshamy District: waters east of...

(1) Main Bay Subdistrict: waters of Main Bay west of a line from 60\_ 33.36' N. lat., 148\_ 02.35' W. long. to **60\_ 32.81' N. lat., 148\_ 2.118' W. long.;**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Main Bay Subdistrict recently changed coordinates and this has affected mine and my families set-net operation. We have been second on the line since the fisheries inception and have fished every single year in PWS since the 1960's. With the recent coordinate changes, the new family in front of us has squeezed in another net and registers the shore fishery lease so that we are now third on the line as well as many more drift gil-netters setting in front of us.

Historically, this Main Bay Subdistrict has always been fished with the same traditional markers and everyone respecting those (setnet and drift alike). With the current change the other family has now registered this "new" line and squeezed another net in front of us permanently. I believe the line should respect where it stood historically for over 30 years; at the mouth of bay coming off the rockpile on the southside (the northside comes off of a rockpile and always has).

It should be converted back to the historical line, using the rockpile on the southside of the bay as the natural marker and line. You can view this natural rockpile easiest using the BING HYBRID map on the state's map assisting tool.

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