

**PROPOSAL 270**

**5 AAC 39.146. Onboard observer briefing and debriefing.**

Specify briefing and debriefing requirements for trainee and certified observers, as follows:

5 AAC 39.146 is amended to read:

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**(e) Trainee observers must be fully briefed and debriefed for each individual fishery they observe prior to observing any subsequent fisheries. Observers holding a current certification with the department may be considered for briefing and debriefing for multiple fisheries with prior authorization, at the discretion of the department.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The current regulation does not specify the number of fisheries a trainee or certified observer is permitted to observe for each departmental briefing and debriefing. Given the complexity of deploying observers across multiple fisheries and the need to maintain data integrity, this proposal would prohibit trainee observers from deploying across multiple fisheries without briefing and debriefing between trips.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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