

PROPOSAL 35

5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations.

Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep, as follows:

- (a) Purse seines, hand purse seines, and beach seines may not be less than 90 fathoms in length and 100 meshes in depth or more than 250 fathoms in length and [325] **335** meshes in depth. Detachable or loose leads are not permitted.
- (b) A seine vessel may tow another seine vessel as long as each vessel has no more than one legal limit of gear on board.
- (c) A purse seine vessel is considered to have ceased fishing when both ends of the seine are fast to the vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Increase depth of a legal purse seine from 325 meshes deep to 335 meshes deep to allow for a 5 meshdeep border strip along the corkline and ribline.

Salmon seine specifications for LCI need to be updated so modern and efficient seine construction techniques can be used by net builders.

Modern Purse seines are typically hung with a piece of 5 mesh deep border strip along the corkline and ribline. If a seine is hung with commonly available materials it is faster and more cost effective to construct. Common strip depths are 25, 50, 100, and 200 mesh deep strips. This proposal would allow 5 mesh border strips to be used without altering a commonly available depth strip. Border strips also provide a means to quickly and effectively repair a seine in the event of a tear in the seine body web by insulating the corkline and ribline hangings from damage. PWS seine regulations have been updated to allow these border strips

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