

**PROPOSAL 57**

**5 AAC 27.535. Harvest strategies for Kodiak Area.**

Eliminate allocation and fishing area splits by seine and gillnet gear in the Kodiak herring food and bait fishery, as follows:

Fishing sections designated by the department will be open to both gear types on alternating days (to avoid gear conflict) for the entirety of the season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Provide more herring fishing opportunity for both seine and gill net fishermen by removing the allocative split and segregated fishing areas.

Currently allocation quotas are designated by assigning the different gear types specific areas and sections to fish within. This management strategy was adopted by the department in the past when there were a large number of seiners and gill netters involved in the fishery, in order to eliminate gear conflicts. In recent history the participation in this fishery has been very low and on some years no participation at all by certain gear types. If we eliminate this rule and revert to the previous management strategy, both gear types would have equal opportunity to fish all open areas.

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