

PROPOSAL 89

5 AAC 29.115. Registration; 5 AAC 29.120. Gear specifications and operations; 5 AAC 29.125. Vessel identification.

Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon non-retention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:

5 AAC 29.120. Gear specifications and operations. (a) Salmon may be taken by hand troll gear and power troll gear only in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area.

(b) The maximum number of trolling lines that may be operated from a salmon troll vessel is as follows:

from a power troll vessel:

(A) no more than six lines may be operated in the exclusive economic zone north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Cape Spencer;

(B) except as provided in (A) **and (D)** of this paragraph, no more than four lines;

(C) from each power troll gurdy: only one line to which multiple leaders and hooks may be attached; a person may not use hand troll gurdies or fishing rods to take salmon commercially on board a registered power troll vessel;

(D) A CFEC permit holder who holds two Statewide Power Troll permits may operate no more than six lines in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area during periods of chinook non-retention.

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I. (A) two Statewide power troll CFEC permit holders may concurrently fish from the same vessel and jointly operate an aggregate of no more than six lines under this section during periods of chinook non-retention.

5 AAC 29.115. Registration. (a) The owner or operator of a vessel that is to be used to take salmon with hand or power troll gear shall register that vessel before engaging in salmon trolling during a calendar year. The registration is valid for the entire calendar year in which a vessel is registered.

(b) A person may not register a salmon troll fishing vessel simultaneously as a salmon hand troll vessel and power troll vessel. A person may change a salmon troll vessel's registration from one troll gear type to the other troll gear type during the open season if a written request is submitted to, and validated, by the department.

(c) Before operating power troll gear jointly under 5AAC 29.120(b)(D), permit holders shall register with the department indicating the intent to jointly operate gear. Joint operation registration remains in effect until the participating permit holders unregister with the department.

5 AAC 29.125. Vessel identification. (a) In addition to the requirements of 5 AAC 39.119, a registered salmon hand troll vessel owner shall display the letters HT in block letters on both sides of the vessel's hull or cabin. The letters must be in a color that contrasts with the color of the background and be at least eight inches high, at least one-half inch wide, and be plainly visible and unobscured at all times. The letters must be displayed at all times until the end of the calendar year

for which the vessel is registered for a hand troll permit, unless that registration is changed to power troll gear under 5 AAC 29.115(b).

(b) Vessels registered under 5AAC 29.115(c) or operating 6 lines under 5AAC 29.120 (D) shall display display the letters DR under provisions of (a) in this section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At present, power trollers are allowed to fish six lines only when fishing north of Cape Spencer and outside of three miles, and may fish no more than four lines at all other times.

I am asking that the Board allow the use of not more than six lines in the entire Southeast Alaska/Yakutat region during periods of chinook non-retention for any permit holder who either a.) possesses two power troll (S15B) permits or b.) enters into a dual permit agreement as outlined in this proposal. This would allow for individual trollers to increase their efficiency while targeting coho and chum salmon, while maintaining or reducing gear in the water fleet wide.

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