

PROPOSAL 143

5 AAC 21.345 Registration.

Allow Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet permit holders to fish in more than one registration area per year as follows:

I'd like to be able to register in UCI Set Net and also for a different area.

(a) A **UCI** CFEC set gillnet permit holder [MAY NOT] **may** fish in more than one registration area during a registration year.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? As the ESSN continues to experience year after year of shutdowns for king salmon abundance it makes it increasingly difficult to make a living. Kenai is my home and I love to fish here with my family. Unfortunately, I am not able to count on income from being an eastside setnetter.

Guides can take people fishing for sockeye on the Kenai or can go to Seward for Coho or Ninilchik for Halibut. I am stuck with no alternative based on the registration rule. I made the sacrifice to purchase a permit for a different area, but I must gamble on what area has the best opportunity for me to catch fish and produce an income for my family. I'd like to see the rule amended to allow me to register and participate in multiple areas as I see fit.

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