

**PROPOSAL 38**

**5 AAC 21.330. Gear.**

Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas as follows:

5 AAC 21.330 gear types

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(b) Set gillnets may be used only in the following locations:

(1) Southern District:

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**(F) SHA's and of LCI to Include China Poot SHA, Hazel Lake SHA, Tutka Hatchery SHA, Bear Lake SHA, Paint River SHA, Kirshner Lake SHA limited to cost recovery harvest only.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Allow set nets in SHA's of Lower Cook Inlet for cost recovery harvests. All commercial fishing gear types support salmon enhancement in Cook Inlet waters through the 2% enhancement tax on fish harvests. This proposal would allow gear types paying taxes for aquaculture to participate in the harvest of these enhancement fisheries which are primarily located in the LCI district. Mixed gear types currently fish together in Prince William Sound. This also would assist with cost recovery on common property fishing days by allowing another gear type to harvest that may not have common property opening during that period.

**PROPOSED BY:** Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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