

**PROPOSAL 103**

**5 AAC 27.332. Seine Specifications and Operations for Prince William Sound Area.**

Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound, as follows:

5 AAC 27.332. Seine specifications and operations for Prince William Sound Area. A person may not operate a purse seine that is more than 1,025 meshes in depth and more than 150 fathoms in length from April 15 through June 30.

Except. Two Prince William Sound sac roe herring seine CFEC permit holders may concurrently fish from the same vessel and jointly operate a single purse seine that is up to a maximum 1700meshes in depth and 200 fathoms of length, and a person holding two Prince William Sound sac roe herring seine CFEC permits may operate a single purse seine that is a maximum 1700 meshes in depth and 200 fathoms of length, under this section. When two Prince William Sound sac roe herring seine CFEC Permit holders fish from the same vessel and jointly operate additional seine gear, and when a person holding two Prince William Sound sac roe herring seine CFEC Permits operates additional seine gear, the vessel must display its ADF&G permanent license plate number followed by the letter "D" to identify the vessel as a dual permit vessel. The letter "D" must be removed or covered when the vessel is operating with only one CFEC permit on board the vessel. The permanent license plate number and letters must be displayed.

- (A) in letters and numerals 12 inches high with lines at least one inch wide;
- (B) in a color that contrasts with the background;
- (C) on both sides of the hull; and
- (D) in a manner that is plainly visible at all times when the vessel is being operated;

When two CFEC permit holders jointly operate gear each permit holder

- (A) must be on board the fishing vessel and present
- (B) is responsible for ensuring that the entire unit of gear is operated in a lawful manner.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently, there are way too many limited entry sac roe seine permits for the small quota that Prince William Sound can support. There is also a very limited market for herring and especially for sac roe products. Allowing for permit stacking of permits will help incentivize permit holders to group up on fewer participating vessels making it a tenable fishery for a few participants. In the 80s this fishery was known to be exceptionally congested and dangerous with many boats, tenders, and airplanes all crammed into very small areas for very few fish. Adopting this change will improve safety and viability for bringing back a small economically viable herring fishery in prince william sound.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** In coordination with other individual fisherman.

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