PROPOSAL 169

5 AAC 29.120. Gear specifications and operations.

Allow use of two fishing rods used in conjunction with a down rigger or hand troll gurdy to be used during the spring and summer troll fisheries.

The regulations should state: "An aggregated of two rods with fishing lines extending from the rods and connected to two downriggers or hand troll gurdies using a quick release devise designated to release line from the downrigger line, that maybe used spring, summer, and winter during scheduled commercial troll openings."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow two rods with downriggers or two hand gurdies with quick release for hand trolling.

I own a home in Yakutat and it makes no sense that this method can only be used during the winter months.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No, I am a 70 year resident of Southeast Alaska and have commercial fished most of my life.