

PROPOSAL 192 – 5 AAC 09.330. Gear. Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnets in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs any time the area is closed to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear, as follows:

5 AAC 09.330 is amended to read:

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(1) Salmon may be taken only with purse seines and hand purse seines in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs (Popof Head) from June 1 through August 31 however, salmon may be taken by set gillnet gear during periods when the seine fishery is closed, and if by emergency order due to the presence of immature salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal addresses that salmon may be taken only with purse seine and hand purse seine in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs (Popof Head) from June 1 through August 31. However, salmon may be taken by set gillnet gear during periods when the seine fishery is closed by emergency order due to the presence of immature salmon. I would like to change the regulation so that the set net gear would be allowed to fish this area (Popof Head) when the seine fleet is not there and are closed to fishing this area whether it be due to immature salmon or that it is closed to seining while set net is open in the Shumigin Island section. If the regulation is not changed the set net fleet is losing an opportunity to utilize a portion of this open area.

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