<u>PROPOSAL 42</u> – 5 AAC 06.370. Registration and reregistration. Allow set gillnet operators to transfer within the Nushagak statistical areas without the 48-hour time requirement, as follows:

- 5 AAC 06.370(a)(2)(B) is amended to read:
  - (B) commercial salmon set gillnet CFEC permit holder shall register for [A STATISTICAL AREA IN] that district;

Repeal the sections in 5 AAC 06.370 that require setnet permit holders to transfer between statistical subdistricts in the Nushagak. Specifically 5 AAC 06.370 (*l*)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The statistical areas of the Nushagak District which commercial set gill CFEC permit holders must register in addition to district registration is a cumbersome and restrictive process. It creates confusion without benefiting set net permit holders. Not only does it create additional paperwork for Tenders, Fish and Game, Processors, and Fishers but it restricts where permit holders may fish in the Bay causing loss in catch and revenue by requiring a 48 hour time that nets must be out of the water when transferring between sub districts. It restricts commercial set gill CFEC permit holders from responding to changing conditions in the Bay leaving may people on the sidelines while the fish pass them by. There is no other district in Bristol Bay that has these statistical sub districts or the 48-hour transfer time associated with them.