

PROPOSAL 187

5 AAC 27.130. Lawful gear for Southeastern Alaska Area.

Allow the use of large mesh webbing to surround spawn on kelp pound structure to protect structure and spawn on kelp product, as follows:

5 AAC 27.130 (e)(1)(E) webbing of no less than 7 inches that allows the free movement of herring through the web may be used to surround pound structure for protecting the pound structure and spawn on kelp product.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? After herring are introduced to a closed pound, sea lions can tear holes in the pound webbing releasing herring. In addition they may enter the pound chasing herring and destroying spawn on kelp product. We would like to be able to surround the pound structure with a larger mesh net to provide additional protection to the pound structure, spawn on kelp product, and retain the herring in the pound until released. An additional net would also prevent sea lions having access inside the pound once the pound net is lowered to release herring

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. No

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