

PROPOSAL 189

5 AAC 27.132. Seine specifications and perations for Southeastern Alaska Area.

Reduce by half the length limit of purse seine net for commercial herring harvest.

To accomplish this, we recommend revising 5 AAC 27.132 as follows:

(a) A herring purse seine may not be more than **100** [200] fathoms in length.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Too many herring are being set on during a season. Part of the problem is that the nets deployed by the commercial fishery are massive. A smaller net would allow for more precise fishing and less catch-and-release, and thus lower scale loss, disease, mortality, stress, etc.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. We developed the proposal in consultation with a small group of subsistence herring egg harvesters and community elders and were informed by prior conversations with many others

PROPOSED BY: Herring Protectors

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