

PROPOSAL 212

5 AAC 38.142 Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan.

Allow the number of geoduck permit holders able to fish from one vessel to be increased from two to four by emergency order.

Add the following language to 5 AAC 38.142 (p)

The commissioner may by emergency order modify the number of CFEC geoduck permit holders able to be onboard or fish from a registered vessel to four divers when the total area trip limit is four hundred pounds or less.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In the geoduck clam fishery only 2 divers can fish from one vessel (5 AAC 38.142 (p)). However, it is often difficult to harvest the GHL in remote areas when the remaining GHL is small. It is not cost-effective to travel long distances for a limited harvest. We would like to have up to four CFEC geoduck permit holders conduct fishing operations from a vessel that is registered to commercially fish for geoducks to make it more economical to harvest the remaining GHL. This would be done when an area has a trip limited harvest of 400 or less pounds per dive harvester.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Insert the issue statement here.

PROPOSED BY: Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (HQ-F24-086)
