



[Draft] Re: Beach seineing inthe Cook Inlet

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From: Chris Every

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Subject: Beach seineing inthe Cook Inlet

Hello,Leila Williams

Chris Every here,

I am one of the individuals that beach seined two years ago as a test fishery to see how it would or could develop in the Cook Inlet.

The first year we were able to sell the fish to recoup the expenses, pay crew, buy a seine,and things it takes to run a business and there was some profit made.

The information on the data from the fishery was Presented to the fish board,

They replied that they needed more input and instructed the department efficient game to run another test fishery to gather more data.

There were such restrictions put on the seine permit that very little fishing effort in the summer of 25, very little data was produced because the fisherman had to put the entire bill .

So I'm needing to find out if the Board of Fish is happy with the amount of data that has been produced so we can develop a beach seine fishery in the cook inlet

Or does the Fish board need more data and if they do, they need to instruct the commissioners permit differently to encourage fisherman to be able to collect the data that is needed.

I need instruction from you and the department, how to expedite the communication process to get answers from the Board of Fish and the fishing game commissioner

Help needed

Chris Every



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Submitted by Board Member Chamberlain, Carlson-VanDort and Godfrey prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Gameⁱ.

Date 3/15/2025

Substitute language for proposal 313:

5 AAC 21.382(g) is amended to read:

(g) In the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District set gillnet commercial fishery,

(1) from June 20 through July 31, when the preseason forecast of king salmon 75 cm mid eye to tail fork and longer is greater than 14,250 fish, including harvest and forecast error, the Upper Subdistrict fishery may open to S04H CFEC permits as follows:

(A) allow for the use set beach seine, as defined in 5 AAC 39.105(6), as an alternative gear type for holders of a S04H CFEC permits;

(B) one set beach seine may be used per a commercial set gillnet shore fishery lease site;

(C) the maximum legal limit for a set beach seine is 70 fathoms in length, 110 mesh depth including border and chaffing strips, and three and one-half inch mesh size throughout; notwithstanding, 5 AAC 21.332 set beach seines shall have no minimum length, depth or mesh size requirements;

(D) fishing with a set beach seine must occur from shore or waterline with one end anchored on shore and the outside end must be set and retrieved back to the shore or waterline using a running line;

(E) fishing with a set beach seine from shore or waterline must occur at the location of a shore fishery tract identified in the recorded plat for that AS 38.05.082 lease, or City of Kenai Lease or historically fished locations; nothing in this subsection affects or changes the terms or conditions of AS 38.05.082 lease or City of Kenai leases and its lessee;

(F) openings will occur for two 12-hour periods per week, established by emergency order;

(G) retention of king and coho salmon is prohibited, except that a king or coho salmon that is mortally wounded or caught as defined in (j) in a set beach seine is subject to stipulations in (i) and (j) of this plan;

(H) the number of any king or coho salmon that are released must be recorded on a ADF&G fish ticket under disposition code for live release;

(I) a commercial dip net may not be operated within 600 ft of any part of a commercial set beach seine and no part of a commercial set beach seine may be operated within 600 ft of any part of another commercial set beach seine;

[FROM JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 30, WHEN THE PRESEASON FORECAST OF KING SALMON 75 CM MID EYE TO TAIL FORK AND LONGER IS GREATER THAN 14,250 FISH, INCLUDING HARVEST AND FORECAST ERROR, THE UPPER SUBDISTRICT SET GILLNET FISHERY MAY BE OPENED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EACH SETNET PERMIT HOLDER MAY USE UP TO ONE SET GILLNET THAT IS NOT MORE THAN 35 FATHOMS IN LENGTH AND 29 MESHES IN DEPTH;

(B) IS OPEN FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO EIGHT-HOUR PERIODS;

(C) WITH A 48-HOUR CONTINUOUS CLOSURE PER WEEK, BEGINNING BETWEEN 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY AND 7:00 A.M. FRIDAY;

(D) FISHERY OPENINGS WILL BE BASED UPON SELDOVIA DISTRICT TIDE TABLES BY SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

(I) NINILCHIK RIVER MOUTH TO KASILOF RIVER MOUTH (STAT AREAS 244-21, 244-22), THREE HOURS LATER THAN THE SELDOVIA DISTRICT LOW TIDE;

(II) KASILOF RIVER MOUTH TO KENAI RIVER MOUTH (STAT AREA 244-31), FOUR HOURS LATER THAN THE SELDOVIA DISTRICT LOW TIDE;

(III) OPENING TIMES WILL BE BASED ON NOAA CERTIFIED TIDE TABLES;

(2) FROM JULY 15 THROUGH JULY 27, WHEN THE INSEASON PROJECTION OF KING SALMON 75 CM MID EYE TO TAIL FORK AND LONGER IS GREATER THAN 14,250 FISH, INCLUDING HARVEST AND PROJECTION ERROR, THE UPPER SUBDISTRICT SET GILLNET FISHERY MAY BE OPENED AS FOLLOWS:

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(II) KASILOF RIVER MOUTH TO KENAI RIVER MOUTH (STAT AREAS 244-31, 244-32), FOUR HOURS LATER THAN THE SELDOVIA DISTRICT LOW TIDE;

(III) KENAI RIVER MOUTH TO BOULDER POINT (STAT AREAS 244-41, 244-42), FIVE HOURS LATER THAN THE SELDOVIA DISTRICT LOW TIDE;

(IV) OPENING TIMES WILL BE BASED ON NOAA CERTIFIED TIDE TABLES;

(3) FROM JULY 28 THROUGH AUGUST 15, WHEN THE INSEASON PROJECTION OF KING SALMON 75 CM MID EYE TO TAIL FORK AND LONGER IS GREATER THAN 14,250 FISH, ACCOUNTING FOR ANTICIPATED HARVEST, PROJECTION ERROR AND INSEASON RUN STRENGTH, THE UPPER SUBDISTRICT SET GILLNET FISHERY MAY BE OPENED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EACH SETNET PERMIT HOLDER MAY USE UP TO ONE SET GILLNET THAT IS NOT MORE THAN 35 FATHOMS IN LENGTH AND 29 MESHES IN DEPTH;

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ⁱ Preparation of draft substitute language at the request of a Board member does not imply ADF&G support. The Department will state its position on the language during deliberation.