

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of Board Chairman Kluberton

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### Substitute Language for Proposal 275

#### Background Information

5 AAC 06.350(b)(1) has been amended several times in the past to address changes in ways to define the Kvichak District boundary line near Graveyard Point.

In 1980, 5 AAC 06.350(b)(1) stated, "In Kvichak Bay the following waters are closed waters: northeast of a line from Graveyard Point to a point on the opposite shore at 58° 53' 22" N. lat., 157° 04; 16" W. long."

The point on the shore opposite of Graveyard Point (west side of the closed waters line) was historically defined using latitude and longitude coordinates. This point was also redefined in 1992 using Loran C coordinates and again in 2001 using GPS coordinates. By comparing the historical latitude and longitude coordinates to the GPS coordinates in current regulations it is clear that this point moved thereby reducing the amount of fishing area. By adopting 58° 53.37' N. lat., 157° 04.26' W. long. as the point on the west side, the boundary line would be restored to the historical location.

#### Regulatory Language

5 AAC 06.331(m)(5) is amended to read:

#### **5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.**

(m) In the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, Ugashik, and Togiak Districts, no part of a set gillnet may be more than 1,000 feet from the 18-foot high tide mark, except that

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(5) in the Kvichak Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District from Libbyville Dock to **a point near Graveyard Point at 58° 52.09' N. lat., 157° 00.89' W. long.** [THE ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT GRAVEYARD POINT] and from the unnamed creek on the northwest shore of Kvichak Bay **at 58° 52.25' N. lat., 157° 06.75' W. long. north to a point [(58° 52.25' N. LAT., 157° 06.75' W. LONG.) NORTH TO THE ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED]** on the northwest shore of Kvichak Bay **at 58° 53.37' N. lat., 157° 04.26' W. long.**, the maximum distance of a set gillnet is as follows:

(A) no part of a set gillnet may be more than 1,000 feet from the 18-foot high tide mark; or

(B) the web of the shoreward end of the set gillnet must go dry at the time of the opening;

5 AAC 06.350(b)(1) is amended to read:

**5 AAC 06.350. Closed waters.**

(b) The following locations in the Naknek-Kvichak District are closed to the taking of salmon:

(1) those waters northeast of a line from a point near Graveyard Point at 58° 52.09' N. lat., 157° 00.89' W. long. to a point on the northwest shore of Kvichak Bay at 58° 53.37' N. lat., 157° 04.26' W. long. [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT 58° 52.07' N. LAT., 157° 00.89' W. LONG. NEAR GRAVEYARD POINT TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT 58° 53.24' N. LAT., 157° 04.44' W. LONG.]