

**PROPOSAL 57 - 5 AAC 18.330. Gear.** Allow set gillnet gear in the entire Alitak District after September 4, as follows:

5 AAC 18.330. Gear (d) (2)

(d) In the Alitak District, salmon may be taken

(1) in the Humpy-Deadman and Cape Alitak Sections by purse seines and beach seines only;

(2) *in the Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, Dog Salmon Flats, Outer and Inner Upper Station, and Outer and Inner Akalura Sections by set gillnets only, except that after September 4, salmon may be taken also by purse seines and beach seines. **Also after September 4 set gill net gear maybe used in the entire Alitak District.***

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Problem: Lack of fishing time for the Alitak District set net fishery.

The Alitak District set net fishery is a bankrupt fishery. It operates from retirement accounts, selling assets and cannery credit. The fishery is predominantly managed on sockeye returns to the Olga Bay systems on which fishing time has been severely restricted in recent years.

Many of the set netters have been totally disenfranchised from other healthy local stocks that transit the area during sockeye restrictions. Opening the entire Alitak District to set net gear after Sept. 4 would allow those with the fortitude and means an opportunity to regain some of the loss created by restrictions imposed for sockeye management.

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