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Re: Proposal 56

Though I believe gear stacking is a good solution for addressing the excess fishing capacity within the Prince William Sound (PWS), I do not believe this proposal is the right solution.

Adding 25 fathoms of gear for a stacked permit is a simple and moderate proposal that I believe most PWS permit holders support. However, the gear depth increase is not supported by most fisherman nor myself.

Simply put, this proposal makes the stacked second permit too much of an advantage over a single permit. Additionally, our problem boils down to fleet efficiency and fleet size limiting fishing time and area due to how quickly we can completely fish out an area. Though this proposal would likely shrink fleet size which is a good thing, it would also make us more efficient catchers and therefore exacerbate our fishing management issues.

Re: Proposal 57

This gear stacking proposal strikes the right chord between cost and benefit. 25 fathoms of extra gear is an advantage, however, not too much of an advantage. We do not want to create a dichotomy where in order to be competitive you *must* have a second permit. 25 fathoms of extra length is a modest proposal that helps to address the problems of excess fishing capacity in the Sound by soaking up excess fishing capacity while also not being too much of an advantage to make it necessary to compete. Overall this is a modest proposal with limited downside, therefore it has my full support.

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Best,
Alex Lopez