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Proposal 79

I would like to make a comment on Proposal 79 – 5AAC 06.311 Gillnet specifications and operations

My family has been involved in Bristol Bay Commercial fishing since 1976, fishing both drift and set nets. We also own a home there. In reading Proposal 79, the 1,000 foot from the 18 foot high water mark was tried by Roland Briggs many years ago and proved to be very dangerous. We fish with 22-25 ft open skiffs, 1,000 feet would put us out in the main channel where the water runs very swift, it is difficult operating skiffs in that current and clearing all the gear. What the United States Coast Guard stated in July 2011 "found the entire 1,000 foot distance blocked the river enough to constitute an obstruction to navigation nearly every tidal stage." This proposal adds a additional risk to fishing, dangerous and possible deadly. I am against Proposal 79.

Thank You For Your Time  
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