

Dual Permit Fishing Operations in the Southeast Alaska Sac Roe Herring Gillnet Fishery

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Abstract

This report describes the Southeast Alaska sac roe herring gillnet fishery, with an emphasis on identifying the extent of dual permit operations, where two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holders opt to fish together on a single vessel and use an additional 25 fathoms of gear (75 fathoms total). Historically, dual permit operations were not unusual; however, the maximum amount of gear that could be fished from a vessel was the same as that of a single permit holder. In 2006, that changed when the Alaska Board of Fisheries implemented a new regulation allowing a greater amount of gear for two permit holders fishing from one vessel. This report provides a short synopsis of the management of the fishery, with a summary of current regulations, historical harvests, earnings, and participation. It also examines the frequency of dual permit holder operations, both before and after the new regulations. A discussion of the data used to track dual permit operations is also included.