

My name is Kenneth Nukwak. I live in Manokotak and I'm a setnetter in the Igushik Section. 60-70% of my income comes from commercial fishing. I have fished at many setnet locations on the Igushik side of the bay.

Proposal 36 is trying to keep a bad fishery from happening. The shallow draft boats are using longer towlines to pull fish out of the shallow waters before their nets go totally dry. The long tow line is allowing this to happen. These boats are also "setting" their driftnet in between the setnet sites. This is happening with both single permit boats and "D" permit drift boats.

If you amend this proposal, I recommend shortening the length of towlines to 75' within the Igushik section. The Nushagak Section may need up to 100 feet to operate on the east side of Nushagak Bay.

I'm also in support of proposal 35. Increasing the distance between set and drift gillnets will help settle an issue that setnetters have had for a long time. The current is what pushes fish into set nets. The current and wind is what pushes drift boats into setnets.