

Proposal #3 would add a large increase for the 46' and under boats – see page 8 & 9 of ADF&G staff comments.

What will happen is there will be a small amount of boats fishing (3-4 boats) when the larger boats have harvested the 85% Trident will more than likely pull their tenders and these little boats will have to run their fish to Sand Point. This will really slow down the harvest rates. The fish will disperse after spawning. The catch rate per unit will drop. The smaller boats will eventually quite because they will realize that they cannot make any money. They will be spending it all on fuel and bait. The end result will be that you will have more quota that is not being caught – just like what happens with the jig fleet.

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