

PROPOSAL 192

5 AAC 77.674 Personal use bottomfish fishery.

Allow pots used in the personal use bottomfish fishery to be longlined.

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Section (6 - E - ii)

ii) may be longlined

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Single pots are a lot of work for what can be a minimal return. We propose being able to longline pots. The remainder of the current regulations would still apply -- namely the 200 fish limit per boat and the portion reading "may not exceed more than 2 pots per permit holder or eight pots per vessel when four or more permit holders are present." Each pot that is added to a longline potentially removes 1,800' or more of ground line and a buoy from the water, reducing the impacts of lost gear, bycatch, and the chance of marine mammal entanglement.

It is our understanding that the author of the original proposal to allow black cod pots intended for the regulation to allow for longlining -- hence the "2 pots per permit holder or eight pots per vessel when four or more permit holders are present". It doesn't make sense that a personal use vessel would have eight shots of +1800' of line, but it does make sense that they might have 8 collapsible pots.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. This is a joint proposal submitted by Territorial Sportsmen Inc of Juneau and the Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED BY: Territorial Sportsmen Inc / Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee (EF-F24-100)
