

**PROPOSAL 266**

**5 AAC 77.010. Methods, means, and general restrictions.**

Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery, as follows:

crab may be taken only with pots, ring nets, diving gear, dip nets, hooked or hookless handlines, **CRAB LOOP TRAPS "SNARES", FOLDABLE CRAB NET**, or by hand; **A LINE ATTACHED TO A POLE OR ROD MAY BE USED TO REEL OR CAST CRAB GEAR.** [A LINE ATTACHED TO A POLE OR ROD MAY BE USED IN THE BERING SEA ONLY WHEN FISHING A LINE THROUGH THE ICE];

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** "crab may be taken only with pots, ring nets, diving gear, dip nets, hooked or hookless handlines, or by hand; a line attached to a pole or rod may be used in the Bering Sea only when fishing a line through the ice;"

The restriction on gear types for crabbing is unnecessarily restrictive and eliminates ethical methods of take that are utilized in other states. Crab snares and foldable crab nets allow for the take of crabs without posing harm to crab populations or pose a significant risk of continued catch if gear is unrecoverable. Many Alaskans own a fishing rod, but not a boat. Widening the regulations would allow for increased access to crabbing as both a hobby and as a source of food.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** I did not, hence the need for editing.

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