

PROPOSAL 283

5 AAC 35.525. Lawful gear for Registration Area J.

Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear, as follows:

Language would mirror current Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery regulations which allows for longlining of pots.

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(b)(3) In the Bering Sea District, Tanner crab pots may be operated from a shellfish longline; a buoy is not required for each pot, but each end of the longline must be marked by a cluster of four buoys; one buoy in the cluster must be marked in accordance with 5 AAC 35.051 and have the initials "SL" to identify it as a shellfish longline; for purposes of this subsection "a shellfish longline" is a stationary, buoyed, and anchored line with at least 10 shellfish pots attached;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow longlining of pot gear during rationalized Bering Sea snow crab and C. bairdi Tanner crab fisheries. Longlining of pots in these fisheries would have numerous efficiencies as well as potential increased safety impacts.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Met with regional ADFG staff to discuss proposal prior to submitting.

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