

PROPOSAL 184

5 AAC 47.035. Methods, means, and general provisions – Shellfish.

Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Longlining of shrimp pots is a common practice in the personal use shrimp fishery. It is specifically addressed in 5 AAC 77.660(4): *“unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, pots operated to take shrimp may be longlined; a buoy is not required for each pot, but at least one buoy on the longline must be marked as required in 5 AAC 77.010(d)”*.

In the sport shrimp fishery there is no explicit statement on the practice of longlining; however, 5 AAC 47.035(f) states *“A sport fisherman using pots to take shellfish shall plainly and legibly inscribe the fisherman’s first initial, last name, and home address on a keg or buoy attached to each pot.”* This would indicate that longlining shrimp pots in the sport fishery is not allowed because each pot is required to be labeled.

We are seeking clarification on the board’s intent on allowing longlining of shrimp pots in the sport fishery.

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