

PROPOSAL 169

5 AAC. 39.105 Types of legal gear.

Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot', as follows:

5 AAC 39.105(d)(11) is amended to read:

(11) a pot is a

(A) portable structure designed and constructed to capture and retain fish and shellfish alive in the water; **or**

(B) a collapsible pot, commonly known as a slinky pot, is a coil spring pot with non- rigid mesh and a collapsible frame, with no more than two tunnel eye openings on opposing sides.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently, statewide groundfish regulations do not have a definition of groundfish coil pots commonly known as slinky pots. This is a relatively new gear type that has become more common in groundfish fisheries. These pots are collapsible, easy to handle and stack, and have low bycatch of nontarget species. Regulations exist defining escape openings and marking requirements for these pots but the terms groundfish coil spring and 'slinky pot' are not defined in regulation.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Text

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