
1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC (if known): 5 AAC 77.674. Personal use bottomfish fishery (I believe this is correct)

2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

For me, and others, single pots are a lot of work for what can be a minimal return. I propose being able to longline pots. The remainder of the current regulations would still apply -- namely the 200 fish limit per boat and the "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.

3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

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Section (6 - E - ii)
ii) may not be longlined

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

This proposal was developed after consultation with the Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee.