PROPOSAL 206

5 AAC 75.035. Sport fishing gear for shellfish.

Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations, as follows:

To allow a means to target and catch specifically octopus.

currently there are no regulations for fishing gear that specifically target octopus. In university of Alaska Alaska sea grant report no.88 July 1988 A guide for commercial fishermen by Brian C Paust research indicates that the Puget Sound style of open end box was more efficient to effectively target specifically octopus.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To define a type of fishing gear that may be used to catch octopus specifically and not other shellfish to allow for a means to target and catch specifically Octopus.

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