

PROPOSAL 77

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

Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations, as follows:

5 AAC 47.035 is amended to read:

(b) Shellfish may be taken [ONLY] as **provided in 5 AAC 75.035 or as** follows:

(1) **Repealed / /** [SHRIMP MAY BE TAKEN BY POTS AND RING NETS];

(2) **Repealed / /** [CRAB MAY BE TAKEN BY POTS, RING NETS, DIVING GEAR, DIP NETS, AND HOOKED OR HOOKLESS HAND LINES];

(3) **Repealed / /** [CLAMS MAY BE TAKEN BY RAKES, SHOVELS, OR MANUALLY OPERATED CLAM GUNS];

(4) **Repealed / /** [ABALONE MAY BE TAKEN BY ABALONE IRONS, DIVING GEAR, OR BY HAND, EXCEPT THAT A DIVER USING A COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM, SUCH AS SCUBA OR HOOKAH, MAY NOT TAKE ABALONE];

(5) scallops may be taken by diving gear, dip nets, or by hand;

(6) shellfish not otherwise specified in this chapter maybe taken by hook and line in addition to all gear specified in (b) of this section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations for the sport harvest of shrimp, crab and clams in Southeast Alaska are redundant with statewide regulations.

In 2012, the abalone sport fishery was closed making abalone methods and means regulations under this section unnecessary.

In Southeast Alaska all shellfish species not listed within 5 AAC 47.020 have no bag possession, annual, or size limits (5 AAC 47.020(18)). However, the methods and means by which these unlisted species may be harvested are not defined in sport fishing regulations. Adding section (6) would identify the gear that may be used to harvest shellfish species for which there is no bag, possession, or size limits. This situation most commonly applies to the harvest of squid and octopus.

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