

**PROPOSAL 166**

**5 AAC 39.105. Types of legal gear.**

Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows:

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(25)a mechanical jigging machine is a device **having a drum, spool, or reel measuring no more than 15 inches outside diameter by 7 inches inside width** that deploys a line with lures or baited hooks and retrieves that line with electrical, hydraulic, or mechanically powered assistance; a mechanical jigging machine allows the line to be fished only in the water column; a mechanical jigging machine must be attached to a vessel registered to fish with a mechanical jigging machine; the mechanical jigging machine may not be anchored or operated unattached from the vessel;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Some cod jig fishermen using other (ill defined) gear types to harvest cod have caused the cod jig season to close prematurely and spread the catch unfairly among users. The use of longline gear inside and outside of State of Alaska jurisdiction are the primary means of unfair and illegal harvesting of cod during the state waters jig season. A better jig gear definition is needed so that longline reels aren't used for "jigging."

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** In consultation with other jig fishermen, ADFG management, and Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

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