

PROPOSAL 207 – 5 AAC 75.027. Use of explosives or toxicants. Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish, as follows:

Options:

1. The use of a shaft tipped with an explosive charge, commonly known as a bang stick or power head is prohibited in all waters Fresh and Salt for the taking of fish. (Taking fish means to catch, not dispatch)
2. The use of a shaft tipped with an explosive charge, commonly known as a bang stick or power head is prohibited in all waters as a means of taking fish. (Again, taking fish means catch, not dispatch.)
3. The use of a shaft tipped with an explosive charge, commonly known as a bang stick or power head, may be used in the dispatching of a fish that was harvested in salt water on hook and line.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Adjust wording to delete (salt water) from the regulation in paragraph 2.

Bang sticks are a safe and humane method for dispatching halibut that are caught with hook and line. The use of a bang stick is also safer than other forms and methods of dispatching halibut due to the way they function.

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