

*\*This proposal will be heard at the LCI and UCI meetings, and deliberated at the UCI meeting.*

**PROPOSAL 14**

**5 AAC 75.995. Definitions.**

Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler, as follows:

Allow captains, deckhands & other anglers to assist anglers in hooking their fish and the fish will belong to the bag limit of the angler that was assisted.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Current rules do not allow hook & hand fishing where one person hooks or assists in hooking a fish and handing the rod off to an angler to become part of the bag limit of the angler who fights, reels and land the fish. Small children, older people, people with disabilities, or beginners often need help from a guide, deckhand, or parent in hooking fish. The practice of hooking a fish and handing off the rod is common practice in fisheries throughout the world, but in Alaska is illegal.

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