

Interim Resolution
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: MUCC Fisheries Committee

Passed: September 30, 2020 Executive Board meeting

Title: **The use of trotlines, setlines, and juglines as a method of take for fish and turtles**

1 **WHEREAS**, A trotline or setline is defined as a line anchored at one point, with more than 2
2 hooks, and not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, A jugline is defined as a free floating device that anchors a single line with no
4 more than 1 hook and whose float material is constructed of plastic, wood, or foam with closed-
5 cell construction; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, Fishing with a set line is currently illegal under the current State of Michigan
7 fishing regulations; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, These methods are an indiscriminate method of take, with unintended bycatch such
9 as game fish, other species of turtles, otter, mink, and even waterfowl; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, Modifying a method of take could have harvest implications which sometimes
11 affect unintended species; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, These lines would be dangerous to boaters as they can be very strong and thick.

13 **WHEREAS**, There are concerns whether using this method of take is considered to be a fair
14 chase and ethical; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, There is a potential for abandonment and the loss of line(s) during high water
16 conditions or during bad weather; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, These methods of take would require use of fisheries division resources to study,
18 implement and manage with also an additional law enforcement burden; NOW,

19 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That Michigan United Conservation Clubs oppose the use
20 of trotlines, setlines, and juglines as a method of take regardless of the number of hooks used.