

**ALWTRP Public Hearing
Jacksonville Port Authority
Jacksonville, FL
September 10, 2013**

NMFS PRD Staff—Barb Zoodsma and Jessica Powell

Number in attendance: 10

Including:

- David Hilton, contracted fishery liaison to SERO PRD
- Tom Pitchford, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Take Reduction Team State Representative
- Raymond King, Florida Blue Crab Fisherman, Take Reduction Team Blue Crab Trap/Pot Fishery Representative

No objects on vertical lines

One commenter mentioned many blue crab fishermen use a trailing buoy (consistent with state law). This commenter was wondering if weak links would need to be attached to each buoy.

Weaklinks

One commenter pointed out that he didn't know how many hog rings equates to a 200 lb breaking strength. Need to run some trials to ensure 200 lb weak links are feasible in the fishery. This commenter believes many fishermen use four hog rings for a weak link.