

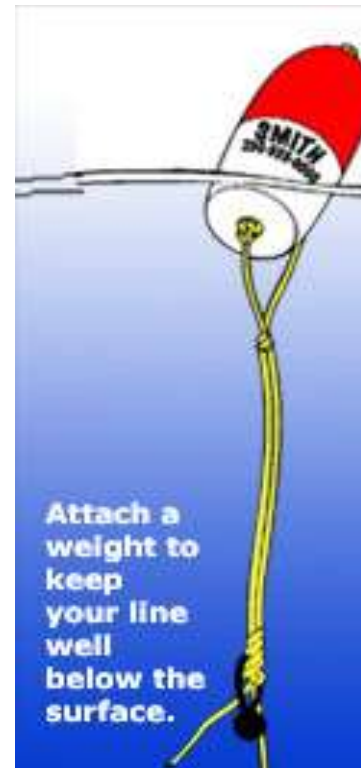


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The Vancouver Police Marine Unit has been advised of an increase in the occurrences of theft of crab and prawn traps and of persons pulling traps, taking the catch and throwing the trap back into the water. The act of taking a trap or taking catch from a trap that is not yours constitutes Theft under the Criminal Code of Canada. Ensure you mark your trap float with your name or phone number, which is not only a regulation of the Fisheries Act, but will assist in proving elements required to prosecute trap and catch thieves. If you observe someone stealing your trap or your catch or suspect someone of stealing traps or catch, record the suspect vessel information and obtain photos if safe to do so. Also note the time and location of the occurrence and report the incident to the police of local jurisdiction. Case Law R. v. Kearley, 2006 CanLII 1758 (NL PC)

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