

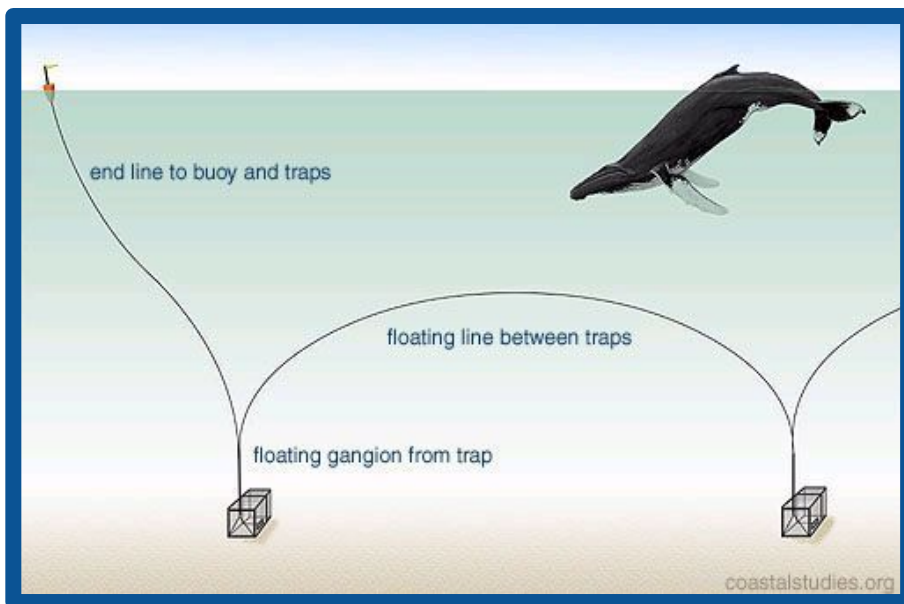
Build A Better Lobster Trap

Problem: The ropes that connect lobster traps to buoys and to each other can entangle whales and other marine life.

Mission: Design a lobster trap that also doesn't trap whales.

How do you think we can make a lobster trap that is safer for marine life, easy to use, affordable, and good at catching lobsters?

1. Take a look at the design of current lobster traps below. These traps are connected using ropes that float in the water column where it is difficult for whales to see them.
2. Draw a model of a new way to catch lobsters that is safer for the whale.
3. After you have your own design, check out [A Safer Lobster Trap](#) for one proposed idea from an organization that crowdsources scientific solutions to conservation challenges. How does yours compare?



Lobster traps are good at catching lobsters, but they also use ropes that hang in the water column, rope that can entangle or wrap around other ocean animals.

