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January 25, 2006

To: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Oregon Department of Fish and Game  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, OR 97303

From: Current Sardine Limited Entry Permit Holders

Re: Landing requirements for renewal of permit.

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Richard George

P/V. Anthony

cc: Fish

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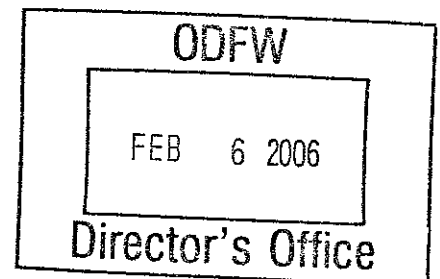
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Mabel Wilson



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Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Marla Rae, Chair

January 26, 2006

Dear Chair Rae and Commissioners,

I am writing today to support the nomination of Tom Libby to the Sardine Advisory Board. I feel that Tom would be an excellent contributor to the process. In my dealings with Tom in the past and all throughout this recent process he has always demonstrated a willingness to listen, the ability to separate fact from fiction, and the capability to condense multiple views into something that a majority can agree on. Tom Libby would be an excellent choice for the Sardine Advisory Board and I urge you to appoint him to the position. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Regards,

  
Ryan Kapp

CC: Fish

February 2, 2006

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Salem, Oregon 97303

ODFW Marine Resources Program  
2040 SE Marine Science Drive  
Newport, Oregon 97365

Comments on landing requirements for renewal of sardine limited entry permits

Dear Commissioners and ODFW Staff:

I was present to testify at the December 2005 Commission meeting in support of the ODFW Staff proposal for a sardine limited entry fishery. Included in that alternative was language pertaining to renewal requirements. Staff recommended no landing requirements.

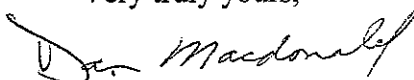
My position at the Commission meeting was that I did not think that performance standards were necessary if the permits were fully transferable, but that I would not necessarily oppose such as long as they were not overly restrictive and included protections for permit holders who might incur an unforeseen event such as a loss of a market. That position was in deference to several processors who were concerned that if the Commission elected to limit the fishery to 20 permits, some assurance was needed to make sure that they remain active. It became clear at that December meeting that a majority of Commissioners were in favor of some level of landing requirements.

I was also in attendance at the industry meeting held in Astoria on January 18, 2006. Staff informed the group that they were instructed by the Commission that *no landings* were not an option that they could include with those to be presented by the Department to the Commission for its consideration.

It was interesting to note that there was no visible support for any level of landing requirements at the Astoria industry meeting. Permit holders and five processing companies were represented, and even the staunchest proponents of performance standards during the limited entry process did not come out in favor of landing requirements now. I think that industry has had the opportunity to narrow its focus from a suite of limited entry options which were diverse and complex to one specific issue (landing requirements) now that the Commission has acted on limited entry.

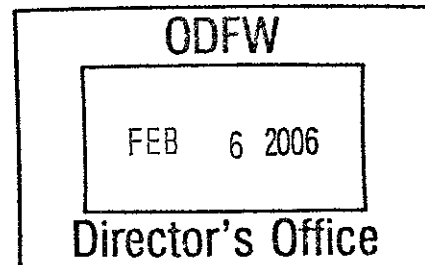
I do not believe that industry or the citizens of Oregon will gain anything from the inclusion of landing requirements. The market will dictate how many permits are needed, and since they are transferable, inactive permits will flow to those who need them whether by lease or sale. Respectfully, I urge the Commission to make use of its own economist and other experts recommended by the Department, and I request that *no landings* be included in an analysis of renewal requirement options.

Very truly yours,



Dan Macdonald

Exceller Fisheries, Inc. /Permit Holder





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## Sardine Advisory Group Interest Form

This form is used to obtain general information for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission concerning the qualifications of applicants for the Sardine Advisory Group.

### Personal Information

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What is your involvement in Oregon's sardine industry?

I would like to put Ryan Kapp on list of potential applicants for the Sardine Advisory Group

What has been your involvement in other commercial fisheries?

# Exceller Fisheries, Inc.

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February 13, 2006

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ODFW Marine Resources Program  
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RE: Application of Thomas E. Libby for appointment to Sardine Advisory Group

Dear Commissioners and ODFW Staff:

This letter intends to recommend Tom Libby for appointment to the Sardine Advisory Group.

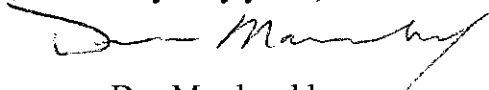
In reviewing Tom's application, his past experience with sardines and other commercial fisheries and their management issues is quite impressive.

I have known Tom since he extended a sardine market to us in 2001. I recall the interview in which I was seeking that market. Tom had preceded me in a number of Alaska fisheries where he was a processing plant manager before coming to Point Adams Packing Company, remaining there for almost three decades. That background and vast experience in processing and marketing of fish products has proved invaluable in the difficult sardine fishery. He has had much to do with putting Oregon sardines on the world map.

I had the privilege of serving with Tom on the Limited Entry Subcommittee of the Developmental Fisheries Board for sardines. In that process, it again became clear to me that Tom is a person of high personal integrity who was able to put the best interests of industry ahead of any personal agenda. His testimony at the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting on December 2, 2005 is evidence of that.

The sardine fishery is still very young. I am encouraged that the Commission has acted to address overcapitalization by limiting the number of permits. The Sardine Advisory Group will be asked to make recommendations to the Commission on tough issues which will affect the future look of the fishery. The State of Oregon and the sardine industry could not be better served than to have Tom Libby as a member.

Very truly yours,



Dan Macdonald  
Exceller Fisheries, Inc. /Permit Holder



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F/V PAPA GEORGE

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RE: Sardine Landing Requirements for Renewal of Permit

Dear Commissioners and ODFW Staff,

At the April meeting of the ODFW Commission, the sardine renewal requirements will be on the agenda. There is a consensus among both processors and fishermen like us, that any landing requirements are unnecessary. If our 2005 season was used to qualify for the most stringent landing requirements, our permit would be in jeopardy. It is not a case of poor performance by a boat, but of non-performing processors and small fish.

For example, in 2005 our market for Oregon sardines was awful. Our processor was late in getting started and then broke down almost daily. Our contract with this processor allowed us to sell fish to other markets, but the only other market able to buy our fish labeled us a "B" boat; or one paid half price. Consequently, our landings were few before August 20th. We switched to the only other available market which limited our catch to fish of 150 grams and larger. Therefore we had to run 18 hours away to Northern Washington for the large sardines. We averaged a 2.5 day turn-around in good weather. We were paid more for the larger fish, but our quantity of landings was much less. This processor also failed to pay for the last two deliveries. In 2005, poor markets cost our business at least \$100,000, half of which would have gone to our four crew and two pilots. Under two of the Board's proposed landing requirements, we would not qualify to retain our sardine permit. The economic impact on our small family business and our crew would be devastating.

The sardine resource itself is also a big variable. In 2005, the ocean conditions prevented the normal upwelling of coastal feed for the birds and fish. It changed the sardine market for Oregon. Too many small fish were landed and the marketable fish were 175 miles away from the Columbia River, thereby limiting the number of deliveries. On January 30, 2006, the *Seattle PI* quoted Dr. John McGowan of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, "There's a lot of evidence there are important changes going on in the Pacific coast system." Landing requirements are unrealistic if a resource does not show up.

Our complaint with landing requirements in general is that they don't allow for many of the variables in planning and running a small fishing business. We need flexibility in order to survive. Since 2001, there have not been enough markets for the number of permits, and some of the markets are of poor quality. In 2005, the marketable fish were located far away. We encourage the Board of Commissioners to eliminate any landing requirements for the renewal of OR sardine permits, because to require any landings at all is to restrict the flexibility of small business to survive in a fast changing environment.

Lastly, my husband, Steve Lovejoy, had his OR sardine permit taken away for not having enough landings. He satisfied the original landing requirements of five deliveries per year, is very involved in the fishery, and yet the Board saw fit to award his permit to another boat owner who has never fished in the OR sardine fishery. Our small family business can not afford to lose another permit to landing requirements which are unnecessary for a vigorous and successful fishery.

Sincerely,

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