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**Public Correspondence received as
of November 20, 2018.**

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Let the Lings nest
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 8:27:57 AM
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From: w p [<mailto:wsp0147@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 6:35 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Let the Lings nest

Why do we allow the catching of Ling Cod while they are on the nest? Let's give them a break. If you read the forum notes below from Spearboard.com you can understand my chain of thought. Let's give them another 8 weeks as well and match WA laws.
William Parsons

From: [Michelle Tate](#)
To: [April H Mack](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comments from the Web, ground fish
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 2:53:58 PM

Ground Fish PC

From: Steve Godin <stevegodin@rconnects.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:15 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Fw: Public Comments from the Web

From: Steve Godin
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:12 AM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Cc: Steve Godin
Subject: Public Comments from the Web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Groundfish Management
Name: Stephen Godin
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Comment: Dear Commissioners,

The Groundfish Recreational Fishing Area is the entire Oregon Coast. Regulations set by ODFW effect the entire coast. In 2017 the entire coast was shut down because quotas were exceeded for groundfish, costing Oregon businesses and the Government millions. Requests were made to ODFW by concerned anglers at the 2018 Public Input meetings in Brookings and North Bend to split the Oregon Coast at the South Jetty of Florence. It was further recommended that the Groundfish Quotas be assigned to the areas based on the fish habitat (underwater structure) available in the two areas. It would be preferable to make the split based on fish abundance, however the scientific data doesn't exist. Until the abundance data is available, a split based on fish habitat makes sense. Even when the data becomes available, quotas could be adjusted in the two areas based on abundance. The split would provide ODFW more flexibility in managing quotas, increasing fishing opportunity and avoiding coast wide shutdowns. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Godin
Oregon Coast Anglers, President

PROPOSAL TO ODFW COMMISSION TO REMOVE COMMERCIAL DAILY TRIP LIMITS ON BLACK ROCKFISH IN OREGON BLACK ROCKFISH MANAGEMENT AREAS.

BLACK ROCKFISH MANAGEMENT AREAS

Four black rockfish management areas were developed and implemented in 1995 for a multitude of reasons. A stock assessment for black rockfish in Oregon was completed in 1993 and the results were not as optimistic as expected. At the same time, black rockfish were becoming more important to both sport and commercial fisheries. Limited entry had recently been completed for the trawl fishery and there was concern that the individuals who were not successful in that process would become active in nearshore fisheries that were beginning to increase in popularity. In response to these many issues, special zones were developed in areas that were predominately sport oriented and limited commercial fishing.

The goals of these areas were to provide an ad hoc allocation of black rockfish between sport and commercial fisheries, **limit the harvest of black rockfish in these areas by the commercial fleet, provide a disincentive to commercially fish in these areas thus reducing fishery conflicts,** and promote traditionally commercial ports such as Pacific City and Port Orford by not applying restrictions in those areas. (Locations without harbors or boat launches requiring specialized vessels or rigging)

These areas are described in rule (OAR 635-004-0036) as: 1) Tillamook Head to Cape Lookout, 2) Cascade Head to Cape Perpetua, 3) from a point approximately 8 ½ nautical miles north of the Coos Bay north jetty to a point adjacent to the mouth of Four-mile Creek, and 4) Mack Arch to the Oregon-California border. **These four areas encompass the ports of Garibaldi, Depoe Bay, Newport, Charleston, Bandon, and Brookings. The regulations for these zones allow each vessel to**

harvest 300 pounds of black rockfish in a single trip. The trip limit applies to all commercial gears except trawl.

Since the implementation of these areas, measures have been implemented that support many of the original goals these areas were intended for. Through legislative action, the commercial nearshore fishery has been capped by a limited entry program. (Currently 103 permitted vessels exist state wide) Allocation to sport and commercial fisheries of not only black rockfish, but also other nearshore rockfish, black and blue rockfish combined, cabezon, and greenling has been formalized through Commission action. These allocations, known as harvest caps and landing caps limit harvest of important nearshore species/species groups for each fishery. Within the commercial allocation of black rockfish, cumulative period trip limits are adopted annually by the Commission and monitored in-season to ensure harvest limits are not exceeded. Individuals fishing within the black rockfish management areas are not allowed to exceed these cumulative period limits. All of these measures factor in to the discontinuation of area-based daily trip limits;

Historical pertinent facts regarding Black Rockfish Management Areas (BRFMAs)

1. BRFMAs were established in 1995.
- 2. BRFMAs were established to limit spatial conflicts between sport and commercial fishers.**
3. BRFMAs Initial trip limits in 1995 were set at 200 pounds or 65 fish.
4. BRFMAs trip limits were raised to 300 pounds and the 65 fish limit was removed.

5. BRFMAs trip limits were initiated prior to legislative action which capped the number of participants by implementing a limited entry program.

6. The number of rockfish permitted vessels has decreased over the years due to unique state regulation requiring a minimum number of landings be made annually to be eligible for permit renewal or failure for permit holders to renew on time. Both of which generally ends in forfeiture of the rockfish permit back to the state.

Date	Contact	Location	user group
11/14/2018	Lance Fletcher	Garibaldi	Charter Skipper
11/14/2018	Linda Buell	Garibaldi	Charter Owner
11/15/2018	Aaron Longton	Port Orford	permit holder / Buyer/ Retail
11/15/2018	Russ	Brookings	permit holder/Buyer
11/14/2018	Andy Martin	Brookings	Charter Owner
11/15/2018	Ken Butler	Bandon	Charter Owner
11/15/2018	Wayne Butler	Bandon	Charter Owner
11/14/2018	Jeff Wong	Garibaldi	permit holder / Buyer/ Retail
11/16/2018	Jack	Newport	Charter operator
11/16/2018	Terry P	Newport	permit holder
11/16/2018	Kelly Barnett	Garibaldi	permit holder / Buyer/ Retail
11/16/2018	Terry Thompson	Depoe Bay	permit holder
11/16/2018	Ken Jewell	Garibaldi	permit holder
11/16/2018	Brian Trotter	Garibaldi	permit holder
11/19/2018	Mark Lottis	Gold Beach	Charter/ permit holder
11/19/2018	Jeff Lottis	Gold Beach	Charter/ permit holder
11/19/2018	Orian Ashdown	Port Orford	Permit holder
11/19/2018	Janna Fraser	Port Orford	Permit holder
11/19/2018	Walt Noland	Newport	Permit holder
11/19/2018	Loren Johnson	Gold Beach	Permit holder
11/19/2018	Robert Watson	Bandon	Permit holder
11/19/2018	Gary Grace	Garibaldi	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Greg Gass	Pacific City	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Mark Hickman	Garibaldi	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Brian Linhart	Nehalem	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Barbarba Linhart	Nehalem	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Rod Erickson	Garibaldi	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Lars Robison	Depoe Bay	Charter owner
11/19/2018	Skip Bailey	Pacific City	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Rob Royster	Pacific City	sport angler
11/19/2018	Ray monroe	Pacific City	Permit Owner

11/19/2018	Mark Traynor	Pacific City	Sport angler
11/19/2018	Michael Pettis	Newport	Permit owner
11/19/2018	Walt Markee	Garibaldi	Permit owner
11/19/2018	Joe Watkins	Garibaldi	Charter/ permit holder

comments

It makes no sense to have the rule whether the fish are caught in one day or over a week they are still caught.

Didn't see where this rule is needed. Doesn't see much conflict between commercial and sport.

Not totally against. Concerned may increase effort and impact market.

Not totally against. Sees no need as it is difficult to catch 300 pounds a day out of Brookings.

Sees no reason to have the rule, bimonthly limits will do the job. Sees no impact to his business

Not real interested seemed 300 pounds was enough considering he was held to 4 fish last season.

Understood reason to remove rule but had high concerns about Bandon Reef being impacted by more pressure. Would like to look at the rule change within other Black Rockfish Management Areas. Seen increased pressure when daily limit increase to 300.

Would like to see the daily trip limit discontinued.

Economically it is logical to remove the trip limit rule. Appreciated this proposal over some of the others that come up. Would like to hear from others.

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Is in full support of removing the daily trip limits for black rockfish.

supports discontinuing the daily trip limit. Recognizes his market will determine what his daily catch will be.

supports discontinuing the daily trip limit. Recognizes the fisherman's market will determine what a fishman's daily catch will be. Strongly feels the state should not be involved in supply and demand through regulating daily harvest and that the state should base the rules on what the fish populations can safely handle.

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Supports discontinuation of daily trip limit. Recognizes the rule is outdated and is an un-needed regulation which at times adds addition fishing days to meet market need. The benefit to this regulation is to ODFW who receives payment for overage.