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August 17, 2020
ODFW Commissioners
Curt Melcher Director
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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Director's Office

RE: Harvesting surf perch during live birth

Dear Commissioners and Director Melcher,

The CDAO has asked for many years that we not harvest surf perch when they move into the bays to give live birth and we want this rule change to take effect before next spring season.

Harvesting surf perch in the bays during live birth kills the adult and their babies and has a HUGE EFFECT ON FISH PRODUCTION.

Sport fishermen have plenty of opportunity fishing the surf for these fish. I am sure that the current estuary fishery is very productive but killing off our seed stock is poor management.

The same applies for the near shore rock fish when they are reproducing and guarding their nest. The fish are very aggressive and are easy to catch. When rock fish babies lose their guarding parent, they become food for other fish.

Sport and commercial fishermen are not the only users of these fisheries.

Increasing fish production during reproduction will benefit all mammals and may help with the sea lion problems we are all too familiar with.

We want our fisheries managed with maximum fish production during reproduction cycles.

We understand that not all rock fish reproduce at the same time. That fact should not be a reason to ignore rock fish reproduction timing fishery closures. Some non-fishing time is needed to help maintain our fish stocks for all users.

We need managers who use 21st century science to keep our fisheries healthy and productive.

Sincerely,

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