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**2021 Recreational and
Commercial Groundfish
Regulations and 2019
Nearshore Logbook Report**

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received
as of December 8, 2020**

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 10:30 AM
To: ODFW Commission <ODFW.Commission@coho2.dfw.state.or.us>
Cc: Joe Watkins <steelheadjoe57@gmail.com>; waltmarkee@aol.com; Kelly Barnett <kellybarnett12@hotmail.com>; Brian Liebert <liebert.brian@gmail.com>; Bryan Smith <capelookoutoyster@gmail.com>
Subject: Commercial Black Rockfish management strategies

Commissioners,

My name is Brian Trotter and I am a commercial fisher with a non endorsed Black and Blue rockfish limited entry permit.

At your Dec. 7th 2018 meeting Joe Watkins requested in public comment to remove the daily limit of 300 lbs in the Black Rockfish management areas. You assigned the task to staff to review the impacts and report back. At your Dec. 6th, 2019 meeting staff presented their annual report with overwhelming data and a variety of situation including a recommendation for the request Mr. Watkins posed the year before. In the staff report they stated that they don't believe removing the daily limit would have a negative impact on the fish stocks. The harvest of the fish is constantly monitored and compared to the Harvest Guidelines (HG). As fishers at this point in there presentation I was ecstatic with the change I was hearing in the process! Then staff ended with a recommendation to keep the daily trip at 300 lbs for most of the year because "We don't know if some fishers will change areas and we don't know what that impact may have."

My request to the commission is to actually discuss this. There was no discussion at the meeting. In these Covid times many markets were hit hard and many others have adapted to new seafood supply chains. In some areas the demand for our fish is higher than we can supply. In other areas fishers are reporting much trouble and concern. Please consider that the daily trip limit was first a very important management strategy's it was the only limit in this commercial fishery. We now have a limited entry system to keep the number of harvesters low, a bi-monthly quota based on annual harvest guidelines and the fishery oversight is high. By removing the daily limit you will even the harvest options in the state since only half the state has the daily limit and you will allow small businesses an opportunity to reduce some of our operating cost.

All of this information was presented at the meetings between public testimony in person and in writing as well as staff presentation but none of it was discussed by the commission publicly.

Sincerely,

Brian Trotter

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Subject: December commission meeting - rockfish regulations public comment
Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:03:19 PM
Attachments: [charter letter rockfish regs 2021.pdf](#)

Please see attached letter to Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding sport bottom fish regulations being considered at December meeting.

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December 2, 2020

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE

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