

**Exhibit D**

**Public Correspondence  
received as of  
March 1, 2023**

February 28, 2022

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention, and others, that there are fishermen approaching the Department of Fish and Wildlife in regard to the market squid fishery. The up and coming popularity and interest of possible limited entry in the state of Oregon is receiving much attention. It appears there is a handful of fisherman, prominently locals, who have been advising local officials on how to approach managing this fishery and are being heard because of their residential status, which in my opinion is not fair. I know politics can become the focal point when debating regulations and residents can have a heavy hand in that aspect, but should include science and decades of experience such as the fishermen who initially sought market squid on the Oregon coast. The fishermen who have been interacting and sustainably harvesting squid in California for the last half a century. There is a lot to agree on, but there is a lot to disagree on as well when it comes to managing market squid and it is no secret that squid are a very unique species. In the manner that not a lot of studies have been done because they prominently live their lives in the deep depths of the oceans making it near impossible to study until they finally come to the shallows to spawn for a short time. Just a month or so per wave or schooling and then die after their eggs are laid on the sea floor.

California's fishermen have been harvesting these species for decades with lights and purse seines. The light boat is described as a smaller, shallow draft vessel with generator power to run any amount of metal halide lighting, up to 30 kilowatts on each vessel. Because Oregon squid is such a new fishery and the local fleet is learning as they go, picking up strategies over the years by watching the experienced California fisherman, they are not fully in tune to why and how we use "the lightboat." Most Oregon fisherman have an opinion to eliminate them because they don't have them and do not want to make the extra investment to acquire them. There have been roughly 16 light boats that have made the journey from California and put their lives at risk on the open ocean. They have invested their time and effort as well in pursuing Oregon market squid. The light boat in the market squid fishery, in whatever state it may be, is a vital and an important asset of the industry and has been for decades. The owners and operators of these vessels have the same rights to the resource as the "seine" boats do. California has done many studies and has many more years of science, research and regulations on the market squid industry. They chose and have proven that light boats are an essential asset to fishery. Also to strengthen our position there is not a "seine" boat in the California fishery that operates his business in this particular fishery without a lightboat. The light boat operator is the true finder of the fish and the seiner is more or less catch and haul their catch.

There is true value to the light boat in the rapidly progressing Oregon market squid fishery. There are many participating fisherman that would like to see the light boat included as we move forward regulating and sustaining this resource on the Oregon Coast.

Respectfully,



2/28/2022

Houston Vaughan, F/V Revival

## EMERSON Steven C \* ODFW

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**From:** HOLLIS JENNINGS <hollisj22@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** BUELL Troy V \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Re: Lightboats for OR squid ?

Hello Troy,

Thank you for your response and your interest in my viewpoint. I'm going to try to speak very fairly here, but understand that at the end of the day, I am a fisherman. I want to catch more fish than anyone else, (but I'd like to see my buddies pretty close behind).

One problem of limiting one light boat per seiner is that "big wig" seiners will offer cash, drugs, or extra percent to light boats in order to gain the advantage. I have seen this first hand in CA. (Well, maybe 2nd or third hand on the drugs and cash part). It's despicable, but it works. They now have 2-3 light boats to work with and the lower guys on the totem pole have no one.

As for assigning a light boat to a seiner and not letting them switch, eh.... I don't think I support that very much. If My light boat fills me up and is still sitting on squid, I'd like to see him make money by setting other guys. If my lightboat has a family emergency or a breakdown, I would like the option to set another light boat out on the fishing grounds. That being said, usually the fairest decision is one where no one is completely happy....

We do have another OR crab boat with lights on coming down from Westport right now ready to go. He's a super nice guy, and has put a lot of money and time into getting his light boat operation going. It's guys like this, that I truly believe deserve to make some money in this developing fishery. They can stop crabbing sooner (good for whale entanglement), they are worth every penny that we pay them to light, and I feel like the ones I know are good honest people.

At this point we know that if we go limited entry there will be 57 permits issued. (Not sure if that number is correct) I am not worried about getting a permit to sell. I only hope to be able to participate in this fishery, and not be at a disadvantage due to a shortage of Lightboats.

Although, if the lightboat permits were issued by participation in the next few years, It would probably be very advantageous to me, because I now have a light boat to work with, while other seiners do not. This is simply unfair. My suggestion for this issue is to assign a lightboat permit to each seiner permit. The lightboat permit could be transferred to any boat, the seiner could use it if they wanted, or not use it if they felt it unnecessary. I feel that in this scenario, every seiner has the opportunity and ability to work with a lightboat if they want to.

If this ends up being the route that is decided upon, I would sign an agreement with Ryan Morgan (owns the Miss Nacani) that we co-own the seiner and lightboat permits together. If I pass away unexpectedly, the permits go to him, if he passes, they go to me. If either of us want out of the fishery, we buy out the other at market value.

Another suggestion could be that each seiner is issued a light boat permit (follows the rules above) and each participating light boat is issued a light boat permit.

As stated in my earlier email. I do feel that we should either have a lot of light boat permits, or none. Anything in between would create drama and unfairness in the fishery.

That being said. I enjoy working with a lightboat, I enjoy seeing these smaller crabbers get in on the fishery, and I catch squid much better when I have a light boat available to me.

Thank you for your time Troy, and thank you for your hard work on developing this new fishery here in OR. You have a hard job and a lot of whiny fisherman to deal with.

-Hollis

Hollis Jennings  
F/V Natalie Gail  
Hollisj22@aol.com

> On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:08 AM, BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Hi Hollis,  
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> Thank you for sharing your thoughts on light boats. One idea that has been discussed by our Market Squid Advisory Panel (MSAP) is limiting the number of light boats to be equal to the number of seiners. While there isn't currently a limit on the number of seiners, I'm curious if, in your opinion, that would be enough light boats to prevent a concentration of control?  
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> A related idea was to have each light boat "registered" to a seiner, and that's the only seiner they'd be allowed to work with for the season, or maybe they could switch one time. That didn't have much support and I'm not sure how we would enforce it, but it seems similar to your current situation if I understand correctly so I'm also curious what your thoughts are on that concept.  
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> Thanks,  
> Troy  
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> ODFW email addresses are changing as of 4/24/2021 My new email address  
> is: troy.v.buell@odfw.oregon.gov  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: HOLLIS JENNINGS <hollisj22@aol.com>  
> Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:49 PM  
> To: BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov>  
> Subject: Lightboats for OR squid ?  
>  
> Hello Troy,  
> I am Hollis Jennings with F/V Natalie Gail. I am a commercial fisherman (OR Crab, OR squid, SE AK salmon seine).  
> I signed a petition today for Nick Jerkavich pertaining to the Lightboat situation here in OR as this fishery develops.  
> Before signing I wish I had added a few lines to the document. Here are my feelings on the lightboat situation:  
> Pros:  
> Light boats make catching squid easier and more efficient.  
> Small local crabbers can get in on this fishery and make some money.  
> (I like the boats and guys on dock 7)  
> Cons:  
> Lightboats are a pain for Fish and Game.  
> It's hard to regulate them, though maybe easier here with no islands.  
> If there are only a few light boat permits it creates a drama in the fishery like no other. The Lightboats will "run" the fishery and will have way too much power over the entire fleet.  
> Do we want to be that efficient at catching these squid? (I want to fill my boat a few times and go on vacation, but I also want to protect the resource) very mixed feelings on this.  
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> I gave a set of lights to Ryan on the F/V Miss Nacani this year and he has them installed and working. We have been working together and it is going really well. We are catching squid and making money. I want Ryan to make money. I want my boat to make money. This is as ideal a situation as I can ask for.  
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> All in all my position is:  
> For the light boat situation to be fair for the entire fleet, I think there should either be a ton of Lightboats, or zero light boats.  
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> Anyway, thank you for your time. I just wanted to reach out and clarify my position on the lightboat petition signature. If there is ever anything I can do for any of you at ODFW please let me know.

> Thank you for all your hard work developing this fishery, -Hollis

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> Hollis Jennings

> F/V Natalie Gail

> Hollisj22@aol.com

> 304-881-1655

## Oregon Lightboat Past and Present Participants

Lost Boys  
Sweeper  
Greater Pacific  
Seaview  
Pacific Vulture  
Squid A Lot  
Pacific Lite  
Manana  
Pacific M  
Ms. Nicani  
Chaos  
Misty  
Navigator  
Two Dreams  
Scorpio

3/1/22

(Date)

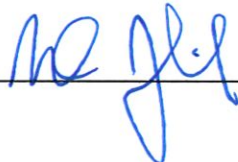
Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, NICKOLAS JERKOVICH, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

PACIFIC LITE / SQUID A LOT / PACIFIC INK  
(Fishing Vessel)

NICKOLAS JERKOVICH  
(Name Printed)

  
(Signature)

5/30/22

(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, JOE CONCHELOS, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.


Sincerely,

TAYLOR BROOKS

(Fishing Vessel)

JOE CONCHELOS

(Name Printed)



(Signature)

5/30<sup>th</sup>/22

(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Kraai McClure, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Pacific Venture

(Fishing Vessel)

Kraai McClure

(Name Printed)

Kraai McClure

(Signature)

4/1/2022  
(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Nick Jerkovich Jr, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Pacific Raider  
(Fishing Vessel)

Nick Jerkovich Jr  
(Name Printed)

Nick Jerkovich Jr  
(Signature)

4/25/22  
(Date)

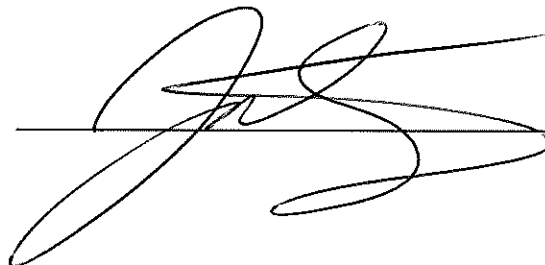
Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Tanner Thain, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

F/v Defender  
(Fishing Vessel)

Tanner Thain  
(Name Printed)

  
(Signature)

3/16/2022  
(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, William A. Morrow, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Ms Niani  
(Fishing Vessel)

William A Morrow  
(Name Printed)

William A Morrow  
(Signature)

3-15-22

(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Ryan Morgan, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

MS Nizani

(Fishing Vessel)

Ryan Morgan

(Name Printed)

Reynold

(Signature)

3-16-22

(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Hollis Jennings, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Natalie Gail

(Fishing Vessel)

Hollis Jennings

(Name Printed)



(Signature)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, PENCE MACHIMMIE,

believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

PACIFIC VULTURE  
GREATER PACIFIC

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(Fishing Vessel)

PENCE MACHIMMIE

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(Name Printed)



Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Gordon Daily,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Calamari

(Fishing Vessel)

Gordon Daily

(Name Printed)

Gordon Daily Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Joshua DaGama,

believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

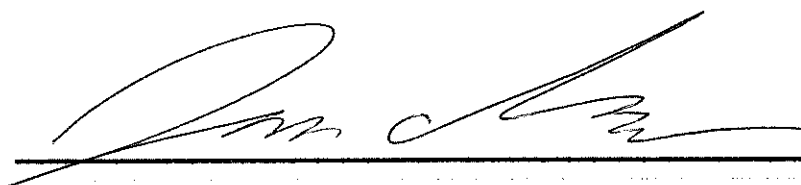
Sincerely,

Pacific Culture / F/V Trailblazer

(Fishing Vessel)

Josh DaGama

(Name Printed)

 Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, ROGER SMITH,

believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Lauren L. Kapp

(Fishing Vessel)

ROGER SMITH

(Name Printed)

Roger Smith

Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Mike Miller,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

SEA VIEW

(Fishing Vessel)

Michael W. Miller

(Name Printed)

MM Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Paul Matsukas,

believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

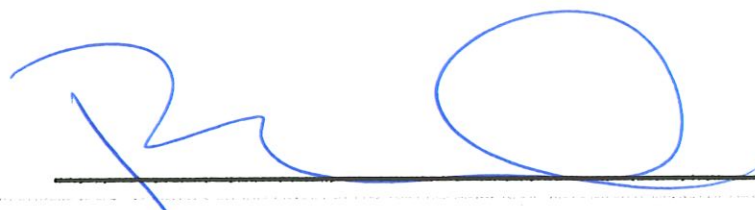
Sincerely,



F/V Midnight Sun (Fishing Vessel)

Paul Matsukas

(Name Printed)



Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Mike Weynands,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.


Sincerely,

Anna Marie

(Fishing Vessel)

Mike Weynands

(Name Printed)

 Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Mike Sampson,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Squid Ink

(Fishing Vessel)

Mike Sampson

(Name Printed)

Mike Sampson Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Travis Simmons,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Midnight Sun

(Fishing Vessel)

Travis Simmons

(Name Printed)

Travis Simmons  
Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, rich nehmer,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

LAKE BAY

(Fishing Vessel)

rich nehmer

(Name Printed)

Rich Nehmer

Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, TROY HASKELL,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Lucky Marie

(Fishing Vessel)

TROY HASKELL

(Name Printed)

Troy Haskell Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Brian D Lapeyri,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Stellar

(Fishing Vessel)

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(Name Printed)

Brian Lapeyri Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, KRISTOPHER HONINGS,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

F/V SWEEPER

(Fishing Vessel)

KRIS HONINGS

(Name Printed)

KC 97 Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, STEVE GREYSHOCK,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.



Sincerely,

EMMA RAY

(Fishing Vessel)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name Printed)



Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, KELLY JONES,

believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

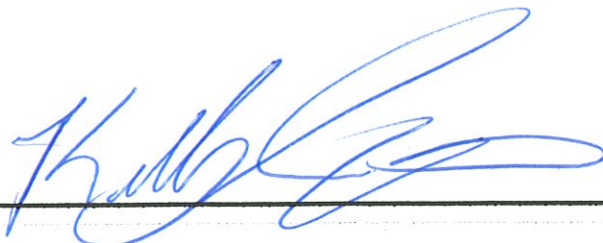
Sincerely,

TREJO

(Fishing Vessel)

KELLY JONES

(Name Printed)



Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Michael P Ryan Main,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Trejo

(Fishing Vessel)

Michael Main

(Name Printed)

Michael Main Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Jesse P Long,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

F/V OBSESSION

(Fishing Vessel)

Jesse P Long

(Name Printed)

Jesse P Long

Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Doug Morrison,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

I feel that light boats that have already actively participated in Oregon Squid should remain in the fisher Sincerely,

F/V Taylor Brooks

(Fishing Vessel)

Doug Morrison

(Name Printed)

Doug Morrison Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Dave Stillwell,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.



Sincerely,

F/V Ocean Leader

(Fishing Vessel)

DAVE STILLWELL

(Name Printed)



Signature

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Tanya Yang,  
believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats are invaluable and should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

FV Donna Gail

(Fishing Vessel)

Tanya Yang

(Name Printed)

  
Signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Dear ODFW Commission Members,

I, Shaun Cutting, believe that having light boats is an important part of the Oregon Squid fishery. Light boats have helped with the harvesting of squid for decades and have been proven a useful tool. It is of my opinion that light boats should be allowed to continue to help fisherman catch and secure squid here in Oregon.

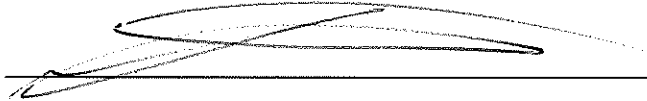
Sincerely,

Wide West

(Fishing Vessel)

Shaun Cutting

(Name Printed)



(Signature)

**From:** [TATE Michelle L \\* ODFW](#)  
**To:** [EMERSON Steven C \\* ODFW](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Squid concerns  
**Date:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 8:25:34 AM

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**From:** Dustin and Wendy Blake <theblakes08@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2022 7:12 AM  
**To:** COMMISSION ODFW \* ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>  
**Subject:** Squid concerns

Hello ODFW commissioners, I will try to keep this short. I am a young fisherman based out of Newport Oregon. I own my own boat and work hard to keep it that way. I've been fishing commercially for over 20 years and just learned about squid seining four years ago. I decided to get involved. I did research and talked with everyone I could about the fishery. In Oregon, barely any info was available. For every one person that told me I had a good idea, there would be 3 or 4 that had no idea what I was talking about. The positive feedback that I got was enough for me. I got a couple loans and ordered up around \$80k worth of necessary equipment for the fishery. Lights and ballasts, generator, sonar, beaver tail. Many other little pieces as well. All of these things took and continue to take time and money to properly install and fine-tune. I suffered large mechanical problems in February 2022. I am still battling these mechanical issues. Hoping to use squid and salmon money to financially rebound I arrived on the squid grounds in mid March of 22 to try and get things going. First day and night we saw only 2 sets made. After that the squid seemed to scatter out to the point where I couldn't locate enough to dip net or get a seiner to set around us. I have spent many days and nights on the water with no deliveries, all logged on the books. I am very dedicated to this fishery even though I have much to learn. I want to see the Oregon fleet rise (like the squid) and become something great. With the talk of banning light boats, it feels like a rug is getting yanked out from under my feet. Being a young fisherman, I'm basically stomping my feet on the front door mat on the porch. I just knocked on the door and I don't know whether or not I will be let into the house. I understand that this fishery has been around quite a while but I haven't, were just getting started. Please allow light boat use to continue in Oregon. Please help to keep younger faces in the industry. We appreciate you and your efforts. Please let there be light.

Family fisherman

Dustin Blake

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## EMERSON Steven C \* ODFW

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**From:** Nathan Mcavoy <nathan1670@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 7:51 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission \* ODFW  
**Subject:** Fwd: Squid

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nathan Mcavoy** <[nathan1670@gmail.com](mailto:nathan1670@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 7:50 AM  
Subject: Re: Squid  
To: BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <[Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov)>

Good morning Troy, I will try to CC Greg as well.

I would like to comment on the use of light boats here in Oregon. I sure hope everyone can see the downside of using light boats, not only do they attract just squid but all other species of fish and marine life. It has been proven that catching squid without light boats was very effective in the past. I have had 2 captains that are for light boats tell me that the light boat does all the work and the catch boat is just a bus driver that goes to the light boat and does/set what the light boat operator tells them to do! My best example of this is like using dogs to hunt big game, it's a unfair advantage to the catcher/hunter. I also have heard them refer to fishing for squid without light boats is like crabbing without bait, this to me makes no sense or has anything to do with catching squid. Allowing light boats will even more jeopardize the squid fishery by putting extra unnecessary pressure on the squid and giving them less chance to spawn. Thank you

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 10:42 AM BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <[Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov)> wrote:  
Yeah no problem, but please include Greg (cc'd) and the "Commission Inbox" ([ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov)) in the "To" line of your new email write up as well (I'll be on vacation next week).

Troy

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From: [nathan1670@gmail.com](mailto:nathan1670@gmail.com) <[nathan1670@gmail.com](mailto:nathan1670@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:32 AM  
To: BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <[Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Squid

Good morning Troy, I definitely would like to have my input used, can I rewrite it and send it to you? There's some spelling issues and instead of spot lighting I would like to refer to the light boats as using dogs for hunting instead of spot lights for big game!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 21, 2023, at 9:57 AM, BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <[Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov)> wrote:  
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> Hi Nathan,

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> The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is now scheduled to decide whether or not to prohibit light boats in the Oregon market squid fishery at their March 17 meeting in Salem, OR.

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> Would you like the below email to be included as public testimony?

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> It would not be anonymous, you would be identified as the sender.

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> If you would like to provide different or additional public testimony on this matter, please see directions at:

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> Thank you,

> Troy Buell

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> From: [nathan1670@gmail.com](mailto:nathan1670@gmail.com) <[nathan1670@gmail.com](mailto:nathan1670@gmail.com)>

> Sent: Saturday, August 20, 2022 11:04 AM

> To: BUELL Troy V \* ODFW <[Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Troy.V.BUELL@odfw.oregon.gov)>

> Subject: Squid

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> Good afternoon Troy, Nathan, Miss Roxanne here, we're up in Kodiak tendering and have very limited bell let alone internet! I just wanted to reach out to you about the consideration of light boats. I sure hope you can see the down side of light boats, not only do they attract more than squid, or in the way during the day but even two of the biggest pro light boat fisherman have told me that it's the light boat that catches the squid, the catcher boat is just a bud driver and fishing squid without light boats I'd like crabbing without bait! Just those statements from those two guys proves to me that the only reason they want light boats is so they don't have to work at it, they just go to their light boat! To me it's like spot lighting deer/elk, it's an unfair advantage for the squid using light boats. In 2020 I had no problem catching squid without a light boat, almost 250 ton, there wasn't any light boats that year, now you look at this year and the biggest producing boats had light boats! Not only do I don't want light boats because they are in the way allowing light boats will take that much more of the chance of squid to spawn just like allowing spot lighting for hunting big game would most definitely deplete big game as where light boats will deplete the squid at a way higher rate! Thanks for your time and hope this makes sense! Nathan

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> Sent from my iPhone