

Exhibit D

Commercial Market Squid Fishery Regulations

**Supplemental
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From: Dustin and Wendy Blake <theblakes08@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:04 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Squid dreams
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This is a photo of the small fish hold on the F/V Misty. The F/V Misty is 35ft crabber, troller, and needs every opportunity available to make a successful living compared to some of the larger more capable vessels. Me and my crew guys and our family's are hoping and dreaming about squid fishing. Salmon and crab fishings seasons have presented new difficulties. Please keep us in your thoughts and intentions for future fisherman and women to have substance in the future of fishing. Consider Oregon as an ambassador for states and areas to the north as climates change and evolve.

Dustin Blake and family
F/V Misty

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From: Nick Jerkovich <pacificraider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 5:14 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW; BUELL Troy V * ODFW; KRUTZIKOWSKY Greg * ODFW

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It saddens me to think the decision to eliminate lightboats from the squid fishery appears to be a foregone conclusion. With the views of a small group of greedy, inexperienced fishermen purposely misleading Commissioner Spelbrink and ODFW to outlaw lightboats. These views with only opinion and heresay and personal greed should be disregarded.

In all of my 50 years of fishing and serving on advisory boards in Washington, Oregon and in development of squid fishery in California, I never witnessed a small group of fishermen ruin a fishery so quickly.

To single out a handful of small boats yet leaving the fishery wide open to anyone can only be discrimination. When these individuals came to Oregon they invested time and money within your rules to make a living. You are now trying to eliminate their jobs.

The unprecedented 2022 California squid fishery is a model of regulations that should be readily and easily adopted by the adjoining state of Oregon.

The greed, lack of experience and knowledge of a few fishermen should not be allowed to control the fishery. Nick Jerkovich Jr

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Nick Jerkovich <nickjerkovich@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:08 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW; KRUTZIKOWSKY Greg * ODFW; BUELL Troy V * ODFW
Subject: March 17 Testimony

Hello and good day,

I have prepared a written testimony that I would like to share in preparation of the upcoming meeting. This is regarding the use of lightboats in the OR squid fishery, agenda item D. At this time I'm not sure I will be able to make the meeting as I will be attending a celebration of life for my Grandmother. I wish I could be there in person as this subject is very close to me. I have investment an incredible amount of time and money to have this essential tool to help in our pursuit of catching squid. It is my hope the commissioners and the ODFW staff with take a better look at protecting the resource rather than simply eliminating a few jobs and destroying some peoples investments. I would urge any and all of you to please reach out and get both sides of the argument before eliminating the light boats ability to participate. I thank you all for your time in reading my testimony.

Nickolas Jerkovich

To the Oregon Wildlife Commission Members and ODFW Staff,

My name is Nickolas Jerkovich III and I am a fourth generation commercial fisherman. I am also a fourth generation Oregon commercial fisherman. I have over 25 years experience in the commercial fishing industry, with a heavy focus in commercial squid fishing. Unfortunately today I am attending my Grandmothers celebration of life and I am unable to be there. I'm taking the time to write this letter because I worry about the direction the Oregon market squid fishery is headed. Spending time focusing on eliminating light boats this early into the development of the fishery is wrong. If being "proactive" is the intent, the focus should be put on forming limited entry and actually trying to protect the resource.

Anyone that knows anything about squid fishing, would tell you that using a lightboat is an essential tool to this fishery. This was all so simple, the CA squid fishery has been one of the best fisheries on the west coast for decades. We had the blueprint, a few minor tweaks and the OR squid fishery would have been a viable option for fisherman trying to earn a living. Today you all have a major decision to make and from where I stand, you have only heard one side of the argument. I urge you to take a step back and get a better understanding of the consequences that will come if you eliminate light boats. Jobs will be lost, there will be a negative impact on the environment, and investments destroyed. The real way to be proactive is to start the process of limited entry. Please don't let the opinions of a few misguided and uninformed fisherman determine the future of the Oregon market squid fishery.

Back in the February 2022 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife commission meeting, Commissioner Hatfield Hyde spoke to the point of making sure "people don't run out and spend two hundred thousand dollars" investing in light boats for Oregon squid. I appreciated her sentiment and the point she was making. But the problem is she was already too late. People, including myself, have already made sizable investments and now we are faced with these investments being rendered worthless.

Take a step back and look at the big picture. What happens in a season if squid show up in abundance and open access is still allowed? There could easily be 60 or 70 seiners here harvesting squid. The fishery has already seen a season with over 50 participants. How will eliminating just a few lightboats make any difference at all? These 5 fisherman that approached Commissioner Spelbrink share a lack of knowledge on this subject and have no business deciding the future of the fishery. Of those 5 anti lightboat fisherman, the fishing vessels Miss Roxanne and Nordic Valor have such limited landings and participation it is a wonder why they are concerned at all. Look at their lack of fish tickets and lack of production, the numbers will not lie, they should keep their opinions to themselves until they have a better understanding of the fishery.

My father and I were one of the first boats to catch and deliver squid on the OR coast since the fishery revitalized back in 2016. Without our investments, sacrifices, and hard work, the likelihood of this fishery becoming what it is today is greatly deceased. The real and honest truth, this fishery can sustain 15-20 seiners. Limited entry is the real opportunity to, using Commissioner Spelbrinks words, "stop the race to over capitalization". Having a fishery with an unlimited number of participants is an exact contradiction to Commissioner Spelbrinks respectable concern.

This is not the time to be destroying peoples investments and eliminating jobs. Let's stop wasting everyones time worrying about a small number of lightboats and instead find a real path of making Oregon market squid a fishery for the future.

Thank you for your time,

Nickolas Jerkovich III
Owner of the light boat F/V Squid-A-Lot
Deckboss F/V Pacific Raider

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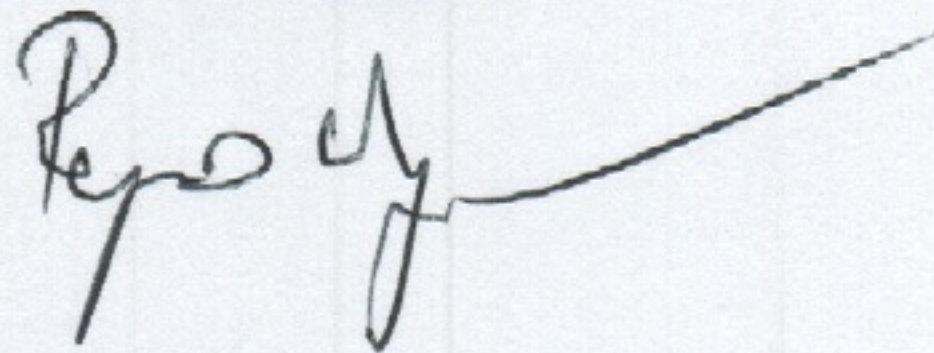
My name is Ryan Morgan. I'm writing to you regarding your upcoming decision on whether to allow light boats to participate in the Oregon squid fishery.

I operate the F/V Ms Nicani out of Newport. Last year we made the investment to install squid lights on the vessel and participate in the fishery. We operated in conjunction with the F/V Natalie Gale.

It is my position that light boats should be allowed to continue in the fishery. In a industry that is dominated by the larger vessels it allows the smaller vessels to participate as well. Providing additional much needed revenue to vessels that would not otherwise be included in the fishery. We act as scouts for the catch vessel we work with saving them fuel costs and the larger expenses required to operate larger vessels. The additional revenues we earned last year were helpful to the overall costs of operating the vessels and to the families of the captain and deckhands as well.

I would appreciate your support in this matter.

Ryan D Morgan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan D Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

From: [Dustin and Wendy Blake](#)
To: [ODFW Commission * ODFW](#)
Subject: Squid update F/V Misty
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:26:17 PM

Hello odfw commissioners, it sounds like our salmon troll season is getting cut very short. Along with an odd start to our crab seasons. This is obviously hurtful to our fishing communities. As I mentioned in a previous letter, I put a lot of effort into making my boat into a squid light boat in case other fisheries got weak. That is exactly what is currently happening. I've got a family to worry about. I'm currently dungeness fishing and looking forward to Oregon squid fishing this year. Trying to not only speak for myself, I honestly don't see any real data that would support a light boat ban. Also why would independent light boats be any different than a privately owned light boats? Private just means owned by the same person/company that owns the seine boat. It seems we have a lot to learn about these squid. Sometimes they are thick and abundant and others sparse and hard to find. Hopefully this is something we can embrace as a building fishery. Again I hope to have a future that involves Oregon squid.

Thank you

Dustin Blake F/V Misty Independent light boat owner operator

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