

**Exhibit D**  
**Commercial Sea Urchin Fishery**  
**Management**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence**

**Public correspondence received**  
**as of March 18, 2016**

**From:** [ODFW Commission](#)  
**To:** [Amanda Mckenzie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urchin fishery OAR changes  
**Date:** Monday, March 07, 2016 4:20:24 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: tim foley [<mailto:mach1llc@msn.com>]  
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:57 AM  
To: [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
Subject: Urchin fishery OAR changes

Dear ODFW commission members,

I have been harvesting sea urchins in Oregon for 20 years. In order to continue to sustain the urchin fishery in Oregon we have been working with Scott Groth and Steve Rumrill on adopting new practices. The most significant change will be to reduce the number of permits to 12 before a lottery is conducted. The fishery has proven to be sustainable with active permit numbers below 12 since 2003.

Secondly, moves to prohibit use of enriched air will help limit divers ability to get bent. This move will also help promote successful spawns, as we have found this is mostly related to urchins in deep water.

I am also in favor to combine the CA sea cucumber and urchin permits. Historically, cucumber landings are made by sea urchin harvesters. This change will also help limit the permits availability and be beneficial to the current local fisherman.

Thank you for your attention to these details.

Regards,

Tim Foley  
541 5802709

**From:** [Scott Groth](#)  
**To:** [Amanda Mckenzie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sea urchin commission packet (March 2016)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 8:26:23 AM

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Hey Amanda,

Below is public comment for the sea urchin commission exhibit, from Mark Gmeiner.

Can this be submitted through me or should I try to have him re send it to [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)?

Thanks,  
Scott

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**From:** PATRICIA GMEINER [mailto:gmeiner@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 2:10 PM  
**To:** Scott Groth <scott.d.groth@state.or.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Sea urchin commission packet (March 2016)

To O.D.F.W Commission,  
from Mark Gmeiner, Oregon sea urchin diver

I am a current Oregon sea urchin diver. I have been a active sea urchin diver, beginning in 1987 in Northern California. I have harvested sea urchins in Calif., Ore., Wash., and Alaska. I still hold active permits in Ca., Ore., and Alaska.

I agree with conclusions by ODFW shellfish staff that current level of sea urchin harvester sustainable and continued evaluation of harvester landings and surveys assist ODFW review for the fishery. As recommended by ODFW staff , limited number of dive licenses, depth limits (further limited by restricting use of enriched dive air) would provide refuge by depth for recruitment and sustainability for red sea urchin biomass. That seems to be a achievable and cost effective theme successful in fisheries management along with closed and managed preserved areas.

I believe the working livelihood of current harvesters would be impaired unless approaches like these are considered.

I would like to suggest the ability to sustain the economics, of the harvester, opportunity to fish, also provides capable personal and adequate diving platforms available to ODFW, under their direction to assist their observations and be in our best interest. Thank you for reviewing this. M. Gmeiner tel. 707 882 2102

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