

Exhibit F

Public Correspondence

**Public correspondence received as of
March 18, 2021**

Lisa Kingsley

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Lisa Kingsley
Subject: FW: Market Squid Weekend Closures

Hi Lisa- can you please include this include this in pc to be posted from last Fridays meeting ?

Thank you

From: Josh Whaley <fvmiss.sarah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 11:32 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Market Squid Weekend Closures

To The Commission:

My name is Josh Whaley and I am writing this in opposition to the weekend closure idea currently being proposed. Noted below are my thoughts on why I believe it to be an unreasonable conservation effort at this time.

1. Oregon weather patterns allow for plenty of time for Squid to not be bothered. In March alone there have only been 7 fishing days available due to weather conditions, giving 12 days with boats off the water so far. Assumed weekend spawning activity is not something we have seen proof of in Oregon or California nor has it been proven as an effective recruitment strategy in California as evidenced by their low comparative quota attainment in recent years. If anything, we should be looking at California's conservation efforts and studying the adverse results, not looking at their rules as a shining star.
2. There are more effective preemptive resource management efforts that can be implemented such as prohibition of independent light boats, a depth restriction of fishing to inside 30 fathoms (we have seen spawning evidence in deeper waters), catch per unit of effort closure plans, closures on either side of a full moon (three days before and after would achieve the same number of days in a month), etc.
3. Weekend closures play perfectly into a California fishers schedule, allowing them travel days between California fishing grounds and Oregon fishing grounds.
4. Weekends are useless from a boat perspective. Very few services are available for weekend use such as fuel, mechanics, electricians, shipyard services, and certain supply stores. If you plan to do this anyways, please consider allowing days that we can use to address maintenance issues.
5. Weekend closures may adversely effect safety, pushing boats to fish the days available instead of waiting for nice weather days for safe and effective efforts.

Please consider delaying this action until more research is done to prove this would be an effective management tool. On a side note, I am in full support of the proposal on rib lines to protect the crab fishery.

Thank you,

Josh Whaley

