

Exhibit B

2025 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations and 2023 Nearshore Logbook Report

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Subject: Current and proposed ling cod harvest rules are not protective of this resource

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As a recreational ocean fisherman on the southern Oregon coast I testify the ling cod fishery is rapidly declining due to commercial over catch. I and my fellow fishermen in the Rogue River area of the ocean have observed a significant decline in ling cod catch success. The two ling cod limit imposed on recreational fishermen has no measureable impact on this fishery compared to the poundage of fish allocated to commercial fishermen. The current commercial regulations allow harvest of an unsustainable amount of ling cod. ODFW is not monitoring this catch and based on our discussions with your biologists they seem to be unaware of its decline.

At this time of year ling cod are 'nesting' and bite almost any lure presented. Allowing fishing during this period results in the removal of a large number of the males which are protecting their nests. Consequential to removing these males, survival of the ling cod offspring is greatly diminished. Better management of this resource by ODFW requires reduction in harvest amounts AND prohibition of fishing for ling cod during their nesting periods. Based on the decline in this fishery all of us local fishermen have observed, failure to provide better protection of ling cod will likely lead to an eventual collapse of this fishery.

My recommendations are: 1) that ling cod fishing be prohibited during the nesting season and; 2) commercial catch allowances be greatly reduced. These actions would lead to an improved fishery for both commercial and recreational fishermen.

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