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Attachment included (request for regulatory change)

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**From:** David Goldenberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 1:28 PM  
**To:** Mastrup, Sonke@FGC; Shea, Adrianna@FGC  
**Cc:** Barnes, Tom@Wildlife; Stein, Derek@Wildlife  
**Subject:** Sea Urchin Permit - Transferability Regulatory Package - MRC Meeting

Dear Sonke, Adrianna, Tom and Derek,

The California Sea Urchin Commission would like to move forward with its request to advance the regulatory package to reduce permit capacity with the goal of reaching transferability.

Both Tom and Derek met with the Sea Urchin Commission at its January 24th Board of Directors meeting. We believe we are at a point where we can return to meet with the MRC Committee and advance the discussion with the full Fish & Game Commission. We surveyed the sea urchin divers in December in response to questions posed at the June 18 MRC meeting in Santa Barbara. Derek Stein was kind enough to validate the ballots and scrub them against the landing history and diver age groups for those who responded.

Attached is an official request to be put on the March 24 MRC agenda.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cordially,

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February 17, 2014

Sonke Mastrup  
Executive Director  
California Fish & Game Commission  
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Dear Sonke:

The California Sea Urchin Commission (CSUC) met on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to finalize its recommendation to the California Fish & Game Commission (CF&GC) to consider a sea urchin permit regulatory package . We consulted with Tom Barnes and Derek Stein who were in attendance. Based on the discussions at the June 18, 2013 Marine Resource Committee (MRC) meeting in Santa Barbara, the CSUC completed a fourth and final ballot/survey which was analyzed by Derek Stein and reported at the January CSUC meeting.

At the CSUC Board Meeting the Directors voted to proceed with a capacity reduction methodology by passing the following resolution: ***Motion 2014-03: It was moved and seconded to advance the following sea urchin permit transferability regulatory package to the CF&GC by reducing Capacity to 150, Maintain the 10:1 Entry Lottery with Full Transferability at 150; with the understanding that the industry will work to develop an equitable economic plan for the Department of Fish & Wildlife to the manage the fishery. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed.***

It was determined that transferability of a permit upon death of a diver is a complex issue which was sidelined until more information is collected. Regarding the loss of revenue, the CSUC recognizes the funding challenges facing the Department. Therefore, the CSUC would like to know more about the costs of managing the fishery beyond the direct loss of the reduced permits.

In order to facilitate an open discussion and expedite the regulatory process, we respectfully request that this issue be placed on the March 24, 2014 MRC agenda in Sacramento. We believe this will aid us in moving the topic to the full F&GC meeting in Ventura in April.

Please let us know what we can do in the meantime to answer any questions or provide additional data.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Goldenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Goldenberg  
Executive Director

Cc: Craig Shuman  
Tom Barnes  
Derek Stein