

State of California  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Memorandum

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To: Sonke Mastrup  
Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham  
Director  
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Subject: Agenda Item for April 8, 2015, Fish and Game Commission Meeting Request for Notice Authorization Re: Light Restrictions and Commercial Fishing Logbooks for Market Squid (Amend Section 149 and Appendix A of Subdivision 1 of Division 1, Title 14 CCR).

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) authorize publication of notice of its intent to consider amendment of existing regulations for the commercial market squid fishery (Section 149). The proposed regulatory changes include proposed modifications to the regulatory text to reflect new logbook versions and update lighting restrictions to encompass new lighting technologies being used by the fishery.

Proposed changes to the Market Squid Logbook provisions include:

- Update Market Squid Vessel Logbook (DFG 149a) and Market Squid Light/Brail Boat Logbook (DFG 149b) to bring these forms into compliance with the standards set by the Department's Forms Management Coordinator.
- Improve instructions that explain how the logs are to be filled out.
- Improve the quality of data that are received by the Department.
- Refer to the revised forms entitled with an updated version number "Market Squid Vessel Logbook – DFW 149a (Rev. 01/06/2015)", and "Market Squid Light/Brail Boat Logbook – DFW 149b (Rev. 01/06/2015)."

Proposed changes to the Market squid lighting provisions include:

- Converting the maximum amount of light permitted from 30,000 watts to 450,000 lumens to accommodate for new lighting technology being used in the fishery.
- Updating the regulatory language to reflect the lack of filaments in some bulb types by requiring shielding of the entire bulb or lamp instead of shielding of the entire filament.
- Discontinuing the use of submerged lights while fishing for squid.

Additionally, other non-substantive changes are proposed to the regulations of Section 149 in order to improve clarity and organization. All amendments proposed in this rulemaking would be consistent with the Market Squid Fishery Management Plan, and fall within its scope.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Craig Shuman, Regional Manager of the Department's Marine Region, by telephone at (805) 568-0216. The public notice for this rulemaking should identify Environmental Scientist, Chelsea Protasio as the Department's point of contact. She can be reached at (831) 649-2994 or by email at [Chelsea.Protasio@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Protasio@wildlife.ca.gov).

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