

February 26, 2015

To The The California Fish & Game Commissioners,

My name is Andy Brown, I am the owner/operator of the Frosty Ice Company and Harbor Ice Company that supplies ice for the commercial fishing fleet of Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg, California. I am in favor of granting the Experimental Market Squid permits for northern waters, for several reasons.

This would be one step in the right direction to help sustain the ice company's operation. The ice use in our harbor has gone down 50% in the last seven years from its previous use. My lease is up on the land agreement, which is being negotiated, and I don't know how it will go. Electricity prices are up, all of this resulting in us no longer keeping spare parts as we have in the past. This equipment is getting older, although mostly in stable condition as it was high quality when we had it built 30 years ago.

I have been a resident of this Fort Bragg Community for over 40 years. Before I built the ice company, I was the Manager of Meredith Fish Company in Noyo Harbor over 15 years. The harbor has went through many fishery changes in this time,- rock cod was shut down, and so was salmon. We now have a very small salmon season, and desperately need something else to keep going. Fishermen and fisheries have evolved to meet sustainable requirements. I feel this community deserves a fair share of the Market Squid resource

that is outside our harbor.

Hopefully you can understand how all these things are interconnected. If you have any questions on this matter, please call me at Andy Brown, hm. [REDACTED] and my cell [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andy Brown