

To California Fish & Game Commission
From Scott Rasmussen
2-3-15

Good morning,

My name is Scott Rasmussen, I am a commercial fisherman and possess a California Market Squid Brail Permit. I am writing you in support of granting the 3 requested Northern California Experimental Market Squid Vessel Permits, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. My comrades and I have been working on establishing methods of operating in these Northern waters and ports, met with the fishermen trying to get these permits and build an infrastructure that will help us all.

These permits, if granted NOW, would create an ongoing system of ports and processing for us brail fishermen. Too long have we been ignored because we don't have the money of the seine fleet that has become so wealthy due to your current regulations. You have a chance to fix part of that right now, please do it! Don't

wait!

These areas up north of rough seas, strong currents, and rocky terrain are not necessarily as conducive to the seine fleet thus giving the Brailers finally some room to roam. Up until now, we can only fish what the seiners let us, really. We look forward to working with the northern fishermen and not only fishing and processing in new areas, but I am sure the biomass will be doubled, along with the quota, once this is opened up.

I see nothing but positive outcome for the local communities as well as the existing Market Squid fleet by granting these three Experimental Permits. I am available to discuss this anytime you'd like. Thank you for your support!

Yours Truly,



Scott Rasmussen

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