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California Fish and Game Commission
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Good morning, my name is Scott Hockett. I am a fisherman, processor, and fish buyer in Noyo harbor, Fort Bragg, California. my business is Noyo Fish Company.

We are writing in full support of granting the 3 experimental market squid vessel permits, for northern waters. Our harbor and fishing community here has been under severe stress for several years, with many fisheries shutting down. We have a great sustainable resource right outside our harbor of squid, and we would like very much to utilize it and employ many people here and help our economy get back on its feet.

We at the harbor have developed a plan, and believe we can employ many people in the North State in the catching, offloading, and processing of this valuable local resource.

It is my understanding these experimental permit were not granted due to a technicality. Please fix what needs changing, we all need this to work right now. We can't really wait much longer here. this harbor is on a downhill slide, we no longer have fuel, many buyers, and not much reason for hope here. The faster this squid production can begin, the better. Help us now.

in closing, we are requesting the commission to grant deed experimental permit. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Scott Hockett, Noyo Fish Co. 