

Attachment 2

Commercial Sea Cucumber Diver Survey Results for Three Seasonal Closure Options

In order to determine the level of fishery support for the three seasonal closure options, the Department of Fish and Wildlife mailed a survey on May 25, 2017 to all 82 sea cucumber dive permit holders. In the survey, divers were asked to rank the three options in order of preference with 1 being their most desired option, 2 being their moderately preferred option, and 3 being their least preferred option. Forty-three of the 82 surveys were returned to the Department (52% return rate), with 37 individuals providing complete rankings of the three seasonal closure options (Figure 1), 3 individuals choosing to only provide their preference for one of the options (Table 2), and 3 individuals returning their surveys without indicating preference for any of the three options.

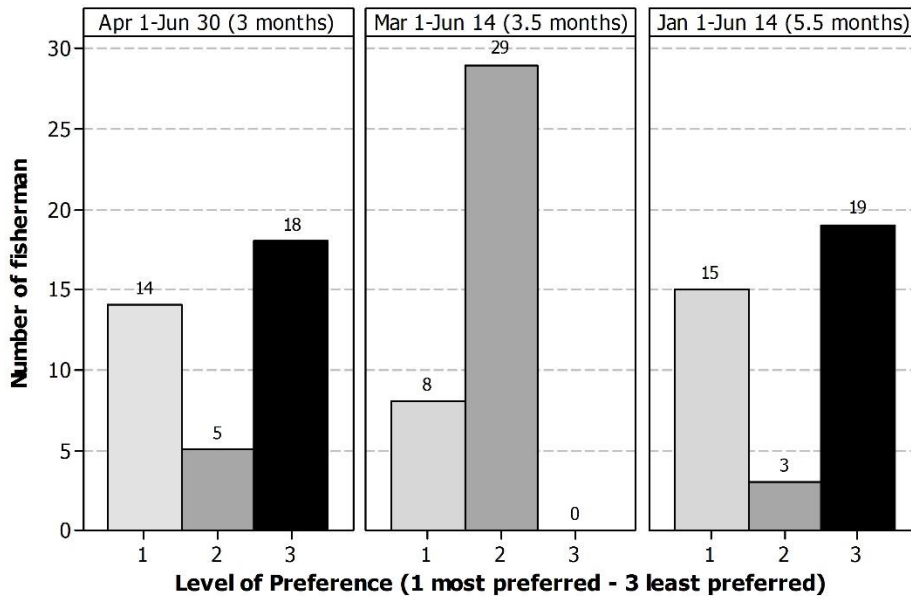


Figure 1. Level of preference for the three seasonal closure options submitted by the 37 individuals that provided complete rankings.

Table 1. Level of preference for the three individuals that only supplied their preference for one option.

Preference	Seasonal Closure Options		
	April – June 30 (3 months)	March 1- June 14 (3.5 months)	January 1- June 14 (5.5 months)
1 (most desired)	1	1	1
2 (moderately desired)			
3 (least desired)			