

California Fish and Game Commission, Received September 23, 2014

To The California Fish & Game Commission and Whom It May Concern,  
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This letter is a follow-up to our original requests for the three Market Squid Experimental Permits available. These permits are from Point Arena north to the Oregon border. These experimental permits are already written into the California Commercial Fishing Code, as defined by 149.3 Title 14 CCR, for purposes of developing a squid fishery in areas previously not utilized for squid production.

We would like to pursue this immediately, so that we could begin fishing in the start of the 2015 season. We want very much to help restore our broken economy at the northern California harbor of Noyo, in Fort Bragg. Due to so many fisheries shutting down in this area, it has slowed and become very economically depressed. We will employ good people of Noyo Harbor to unload, freeze, and process our product, and bring some much needed life and business back to our port at the same time.

These experimental permits should be for a 9-year period, revisited every three years. This is the first year we've seen squid here since this experimental permit was created, almost ten years ago, hence the request for that amount of time. We do believe that they come here more than that, unnoticed, and want to pursue this fishery as soon as possible. This time period also allows for us to recover our substantial investments for start-up, and explore the economic viability of this venture. As this is the beginning of an experimental fishery, we will use the boats we have and the gear we are attaining at this time. As this fishery hopefully grows, we would like to move up to larger boats and more efficient methods of landing these squid. Right now, we'll start with what we have, like all new ventures do.

We are requesting Market Squid Experimental Permits for the F/V Sea Wolf F&G # 39641, the F/V Karen M F&G# 35624, and the F/V Casey III F/V #37514. These experimental permits allow the use of round haul gear, including purse seine, drum seine, or lampara nets, including dip and scoop nets. Lights may also be used as specified in regulations to aggregate squid for purposes of commercial harvest.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, we are very much looking forward to working towards this!

Sincerely,

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