

APPENDIX 1 to FSOR

106.5 Responses to Public Comment on DGN Transition Program Timeline Extension

Responses to Comments received during the Public Notice period March 5 to April 19, 2021.

Comments may be paraphrased from the commenters for succinctness

Comment Number, Name, Date	Question	Department Response
1 Scott Hawkins Email dated 3/10/2021	1. Did the deadline dates of April 1, 2012-March 31, 2018 change or the date to apply change?	1. The Department has proposed a regulation change that would extend the timeline for people who already indicated a willingness to participate to finish their participation. It would give them 1 year from the date they were notified of eligibility, or January 31, 2024 whichever comes first. If the new proposed regulation passes, permittees will have 1 year from the date you were notified to complete the process. If, however, the new proposed regulation does not pass, they must still complete the process by March 31, 2021.
2 Geoffrey Shester, Oceana 4/19/2021	1. Oceana supports the proposed regulations extending the timeline for the Drift Gillnet Transition Program under Senate Bill 1017 (Allen). 2. We thank the Department for its work thus far to implement SB 1017 by establishing the transition program in regulation in 2019. 3. We further support the provision extending the deadline for permittees to complete the transition program no greater than one year from the date of notification of eligibility by the Department.	The Department appreciates Oceana's support for this program.