



Tracking Number: (_2021-022_)

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association, Ken Bates, Vice-President

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: **MLMA Sections: (90.1), (7056 (1)), (7080 (E)), (7080 (A)), (7080(B)), (7080(C)), (7038(B)), (7087(B))**

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Amend the Squid FMP, A) Add "jigging" to the methods of take. B.) Re-open the artisanal "open access" provision with modifications as follows: Squid may be taken commercially north of Point Arena by open access artisanal fishermen employing jig, brail or lampara gear and may land less than two tons per calendar day except that when three quarters of the squid FMP harvest guidelines of 118,000 tons has been landed all open access fishing for market squid is closed.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: A. At present, the squid FMP authorizes brail gear, lights, lampara, purse seine, and drum seine to legally take squid. "No other commercial gear is authorized". Every vessel fishing squid in California possesses and employs jig gear to catch and sample squid schools. This jig gear is currently illegal but universally used on every vessel. B. Throughout the history of the development of the Market Squid FMP, the Commission, Department and the Stakeholders promoted the "de minimis" take provision in the FMP as a vehicle to relieve the duress suffered by small scale lampara and brail boats eliminated by the FMP. The public comment record contains numerous requests for small scale squid fishing, North of Point Arena. Northern



California small scale fishermen have petitioned the Fish and Game Commission four times since 2014 for limited artisanal access to the rarely fished Market Squid resource North of Point Arena. All earlier requests have been denied. Lack of access to fish stocks by Northern California artisanal fishermen has been a continuing theme expressed during the Fish and Game Commission’s Fishing Communities outreach program. Here is a simple straight forward rule change that the Commission could make to demonstrate to Northern California Fishing Communities that the Commission is listening and acting for the survival of these stakeholders.

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. **Date of Petition: October 5, 2021.**

6. **Category of Proposed Change**
 - Sport Fishing
 - X. Commercial Fishing
 - Hunting
 - Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.](#)

7. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*
 - X Amend Title 14 Section(s): Amendment to the Market Squid FMP
 - Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [Click here to enter text.](#)
Or X Not applicable.

9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: N/A

10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: See attached document

11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: [Click here to enter text.](#)

12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
[Click here to enter text.](#)

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only



Date received: Oct 5, 2021.

FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete
- Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _Receive Oct 14, 2021. Consider Dec 15-16, 2021_

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC
- Denied - same as petition _____
- Granted for consideration of regulation change

Tracking Number