

Description of Specific Revisions to the Proposed Regulatory Language

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In the title of Section 149, change “Taking” to “Take” to align the terminology with established and commonly understood usage of 'take' as a noun in commercial fisheries management throughout the California Fish and Game Code and associated regulations

§ 149. Commercial ~~Taking~~ **Take** of Market Squid.

In subsection 149(d), clarify that the restriction on lighting in the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) only applies within the boundaries of the previously-defined “Gulf of the Farallones” NMS.

Closed Areas for Seabirds. Market squid may not be taken for commercial purposes utilizing attracting lights in ~~all waters that portion~~ of the ~~Gulf of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.~~ **Boundaries of the Sanctuary are that was previously defined as the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary with boundaries** defined as those in effect on August 27, 2004, pursuant to Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 922, Subpart H. This regulation also applies to vessels pursuing squid for live bait purposes.

In subsection 149(g)(1)(A), clarify the use of lights as a form of take.

(A) Use of lights~~Lights used~~ to aggregate squid ~~are considered is~~ a form of take. Lights commonly used to aggregate squid that are turned on or in use are prima facie evidence that the vessel’s operator and crew are attempting to attract squid for commercial purposes.