



Regulatory Proposals

Use of Harpoons to Land Tuna

Method of Determining Legal Length

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Fish and Game Commission**

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Use of Handheld Harpoons and Flying Gaffs

Petition #2024-04

- Requested handheld harpoons to assist in landing
- Department recommended limiting to tuna
 - Responsive to fact that large bluefin are being landed
- Added conditions for harpoon use
 - Attached to vessel
 - No buoys
- Added Flying Gaffs
- Clarified spear prohibition for marlin
- Added gear marking requirement for commercial harpoon



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Method of Determining Fish Size

- Public confusion on method to determine finfish size
- Fanning and swinging tail allowed for salmon and halibut
- Proposal allows this for any species
- Changes “fish, mollusks, or crustaceans” “fish and invertebrates”
- Clarifies that invertebrate measurement found in individual sections

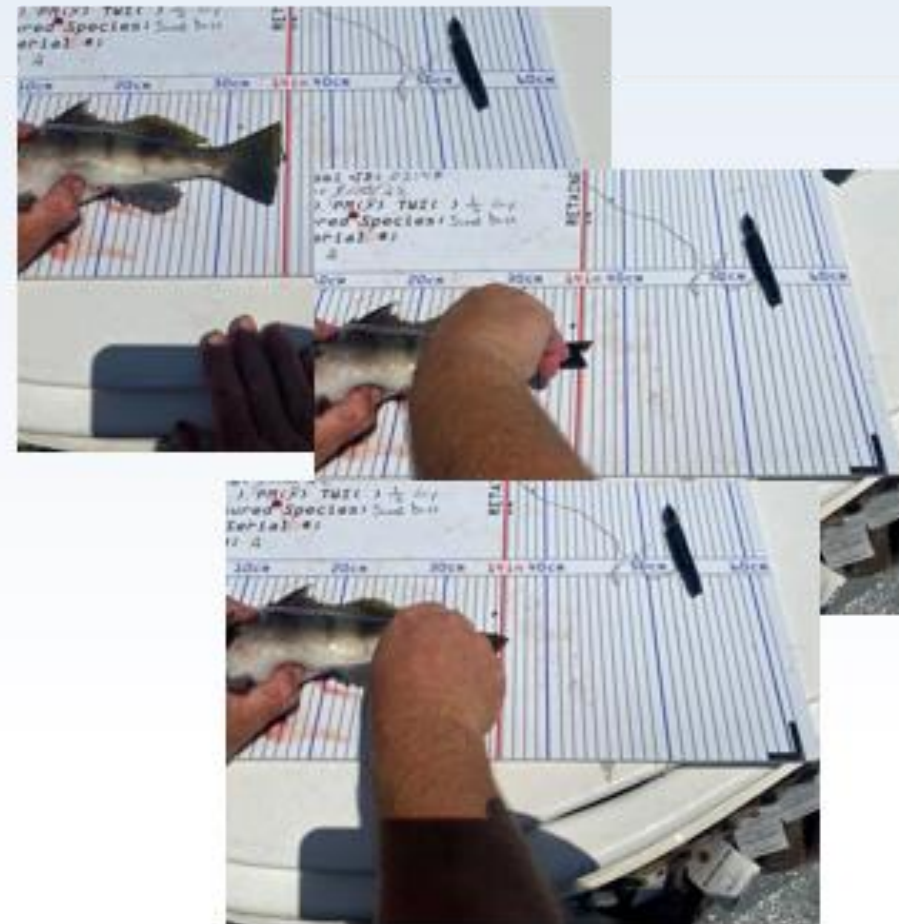


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