Seafood Industry Leaders Support Buoy Gear

More than 100 businesses across the seafood supply chain call for authorization of deep-set buoy gear



















































































































































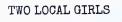














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November 4, 2015

Dorothy Lowman, Chair Pacific Fishery Management Council 1100 NE Ambassador Place, #101 Portland, Oregon 97220

RE Agenda Item G.2: Swordfish Management Policy Connections; authorization of deep set buoy gear

Dear Chair Lowman and Council Members:

More and more Americans are asking for sustainable, locally sourced seafood when they dine out. As commercial fishermen, seafood processors, distributors, chefs, restauranteurs and others along the supply chain, we take pride in our ability to provide local seafood to our customers. We are always looking for innovative ways to sell the freshest product possible, and that often means telling a story a story that separates the good fish from the bad.

That's why we are excited about an emerging innovation in the domestic swordfish fishery: deep-set buoy gear. This gear type is actively tended and minimizes interactions with non-targeted species such as sea turtles and dolphins.

Deep-set buoy gear has benefits in addition to less bycatch. Fishermen are able to land, bleed and put the fish on ice quickly, so swordfish caught with buoy gear is of the highest quality. This means a higher price to innovative West Coast fishermen and a tastier product for consumers.

The Council is now considering transitioning buoy gear from an experimental gear to a federally authorized gear under the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. Collectively we recommend that the Council make authorization of buoy gear a priority and initiate this process early in 2016 to expedite the authorization of buoy gear as soon as possible.

We all share in the responsibility of making our fisheries more sustainable. Deep-set buoy gear is a step in that direction. The commercial market and many in the fishing fleet are ready to make this gear type a viable alternative on the water. Working together, we can deliver a sustainably caught and higher quality product to our customers.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Cigliano President Rancho Dominguez, CA

Bon Appetit Management Company

Maisie Ganzler Vice President, Strategy Palo Alto. CA **King's Seafood Company**

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True Food Kitchen

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Border Grill Restaurants

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Sardine Factory Restaurant

Bert Cutino Co-Founder & COO Monterey, CA

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Same Day Seafood, Inc

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Scoma's Inc

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Thomas Bellec Executive Chef Beverly Hills, CA

Pacific Regent

Gary White Executive Chef Bellevue, WA

Bull Taco

David Volk Chef

Oceanside, CA (3 CA locations)

Stehly Farms Market

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George's at the Cove

George Hauer President La Jolla, CA

Tilth

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Golden Beetle

Maria Hines Chef & Owner Seattle, WA

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Wally's Desert Turtle

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Rocker Oysterfeller's Kitchen + Saloon

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Firefly Catering

Brandon Guenther Owner Valley Ford, CA

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Knead & Co Pasta Bar + Market

Bruce Kalman Chef & Co-Owner Pasadena, CA

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Indigenous

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Mozzarella Company

Paula Lambert Founder Dallas, TX

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Kirsten Helle Chef & Owner Sammamish, WA

Suda

Mo L'Esperance Executive Chef Santa Cruz, CA

Crave

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Sweet Organic Love

Annalise Brolaski Chef & Owner Carlsbad CA

Above All Catering

Shahan Mouradyan Executive Chef Anaheim, CA

Chef Kirsten Helle Personal Chef Servies

Kirsten Helle Chef & Owner Sammamish, WA

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Stephanie Hsu Solid Ground Seattle, WA

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