

# Ocean Pacific Seafood

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Dear Dr. McIsaac,

You once said; be creative on the problem we were assigned to work on at that time. I never forgot that, and I've applied it to a project assigned to us now, the drift net swordfish turtle problem. I started thinking out of the box. I think we've been approaching the problem wrong, and I would like to hear your opinion.

The crux of the idea is to open the closed area, by some formula, from top down, north to south, starting at the Oregon border, instead of bottom up, south to north. When the turtles leave the closed area, they go from north to south, so going south to north, you're bound to intercept them. The turtles, as well as the swordfish have a mechanism that triggers when it's time to leave. It could be salinity, temperature, light, or whatever. It's been my experience the turtles leave before the swordfish do. If this is true there could be an area that could be fished in the north and could open sooner without bycatch of turtles. I talked to Dr. Scott Benson and he felt the idea had merit and had similar thoughts on the same subject.

You have at your disposal Dr. Peter Dutton, Dr. Scott Benson and Dr. Heidi Dewar, to name a few, who are experts on the subject. I'm sure they could find the answer and come up with a formula that could form a very lucrative fishery to add to your pelagic inventory!

There's more to this but this is the basic idea.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Dupuy'.

Pete Dupuy

cc: Mark Helvey  
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