

Application for an experimental permit for shallow water species of Rock Cod at Cordell Banks.

I feel that I can fish Cordell Banks with 100 ft of line and stay inside 300 ft of water and target Yellow Tail Rock Fish, Blue Rock Fish and Olive Rock Fish. I believe this method will work as you will not come close to the bottom where the protected species live.

The benefit to fishing the Banks is that we would relieve some of the pressures on the near shore fish, which you seem to think are endangered. I own a six-pack charter vessel and have fished these waters for more than 20 yrs. Before we were closed to Cordell Banks, I specialized in shallow water fishing at the Banks. We would use a light tackle like spinning rods and one 3oz scampi. We would catch them one at a time and most of the time no deeper than 50 ft. Our business has suffered enough! If we could fish Cordell Banks, we could recoup some of our business and make a decent living like we used to.

I do know that there is a Commercial experimental hook and line permit for Cordell on the Chillies and if you can trust the Commercial Fisherman to fish the Banks, then you should also trust the Sport Fisherman to fish the Banks too.

I am willing to take spotters out. I have all the life saving equipment and insurance on my vessel that is required.

Respectfully

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1. 30 inch ling cod ----- slot limit 22-30 inches
2. Regions -----at least 4 and every region has its share of the quota. We are getting ripped off because we do not fish as many days as most of the rest of the state.
3. Seasons should be set in Dec and not changed until the next year as we did spend a lot money for gear and upgrades based on the season set by the DFG and latter changed by the PFMC
4. The lbs they say on the average near shore rock fish is way off that is why they think we are hitting our quota so fast average sack is about 15 lbs average capizon 4lbs and lings are about 7lbs
5. Where did they get there stats for the rock fish to say we hit our quota by the end of oct last year they had no stats for the previous year. 2003 was the first year they had spotters on the docks and this is the first year they are using the charter boat logs to gather data.
6. Why are we spending money on two agencies to gather the same data and that data does not match nore is it used they take the worst and use that. What a waste of money and man power that could have been used in another way.