

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS STATEMENT ON COUNCIL CLARIFICATION OF  
TENTATIVELY ADOPTED 2005/2006 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) is concerned over the increased complexities being proposed in the California recreational fishery's depth management options. In particular, "slotted" open areas based on waypoints in the *Federal Register* such as the 30 fm to 60 fm and 20 fm to 40 fm proposals will be difficult for the private skiff fleet to comply with and will, therefore, be burdensome for enforcement. The EC believes the more complex the management strategies to increase fishing time on the water; the more the skiff fleet will be unable to comply with these complicated regulations. The EC is very concerned about turning otherwise honest, well-intentioned sport fishers into "violators" with the implementation of these management strategies. Keeping regulations as simple as possible is in the best interest of both the sport fishers and in the enforcement of those regulations.

The EC recommends depth restrictions be from shoreward and constant throughout the season.

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