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To: Yaremko, Marci@Wildlife

Subject: Skates

To Whom It May Concern,

We have 5 limited entry gear fixed entry permits in our family. We make our living commercial fishing. For many years we have been selling skates to our markets weekly. This year a market was ticketed by the state for selling skate wings because of legislation passed to prevent shark finning. This shut down our ability to sell skates. When we questioned the state we were told that in the strictest interpretation of the law all elasmobranchs are included and therefore illegal to sell them cut. No one I have spoken to seems to think skates should be included in the restrictions and it was simply miss worded at the legislative level. We have lost and continue to lose a significant portion of our revenue because of this issue. Thank you in advance for your help in correcting this matter as soon as possible.

Best Regards,

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