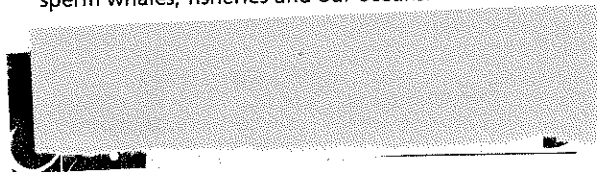




Dear Ms. Lowman,

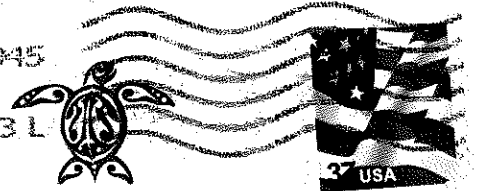
The Deadly Driftnet Fishery for swordfish is operating in violation of conservation laws protecting marine mammals. Driftnets have been banned on the High Seas and along most of the U.S. West Coast because of high bycatch of marine life including endangered whales, dolphins, sea turtles, shark, tuna and other non-target fish.

I urge you to begin to phase out the fishery along our coast and instead to support sustainable fishing practices that don't compromise the health of endangered species, sperm whales, fisheries and our oceans.



Loggerhead sea turtles are caught and killed in the CA driftnet fishery.

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Dorothy Lowman, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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The Council received 20 of these postcards between November 6, 2015, and February 29, 2016.



Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

Fwd: Agenda Item F.3 March Meeting

1 message

PFMC Comments - NOAA Service Account <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:20 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: <Biodivlaw@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:19 AM

Subject: Agenda Item F.3 March Meeting

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council Members --

I am writing to express my STRONG support for a complete ban on drift gill net fishing gear. This deadly equipment has been allowed to exist for far too long. Ocean wildlife face multiple threats from many sources. Eliminating the threat from deadly drift gill nets would be a big step towards eliminating unnecessary bycatch and helping our threatened ocean wildlife survive in the long term. I strongly urge you to implement a ban on drift gill nets with no loopholes. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Tara Mueller
4 San Carlos Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Fwd: Drift Gill Nets

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Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:54 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Robin Wallace** <robin.viewfinderpro@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:40 AM

Subject: Drift Gill Nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Members of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council -

I write to encourage the Council to take a stand for all sea animals and the long term health of the fishing industry by banning the use of drift gill nets as soon as possible. It is widely known that the nets capture far more than their intended prey, and those kills are not salvageable from a fishery standpoint.

Conditions in the ocean are changing rapidly and in ways that are harmful to sea life: warming waters, stronger storms, acidification, increased trash and pollution. Let's not add to that burden by continuing to use fishing methods that cause widespread damage.

Please consider the impact of drift gill nets on the overall health of the oceans as you weigh the needs of our fisheries. Drift gill nets simply cause too much damage, and given the other significant challenges to the health of our oceans, we simply can't afford to continue to allow the use of such wasteful and harmful fishing techniques.

The long term health of the fishing industry is at stake.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Wallace

[213-453-5186](tel:213-453-5186)robin.viewfinderpro@gmail.com

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Fwd: Drift gill nets

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Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:54 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Patricia Meyer** <pmmgoldens@att.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 8:53 AM

Subject: Drift gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please ban drift gill nets and keep our marine species safe.

Thank you.

Pat

Pat Meyer

2530 So. Moray Avenue

San Pedro, Ca. 90732

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Fwd: Gill nets

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PFMC Comments - NOAA Service Account <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 12:17 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Lee Gardner** <leecgardner@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 11:52 AM

Subject: Gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please ban drift fill nets. Indiscriminate killing of any creature should be halted. Arlington fish for food is understandable but slaughtering other creatures is reprehensible.

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Fwd: Agenda Item F.3

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Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 12:52 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Bonnie Freeman** <bonniegoleta@cox.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 12:41 PM

Subject: Agenda Item F.3

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC members, I would like to strongly recommend that you implement a ban on the use of "drift gill" nets which endanger and kill thousands of sea mammals each year off our southern California coast. As I live near the coast in Santa Barbara, and appreciate the regulations that keep a balance between commercial fishermen and sea life, it's important that this ban go forward so we can continue to have a healthy system that works for both the commercial and public side of this issue.

Thank you for the job you do in management!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Freeman

Santa Barbara County Parks Commissioner (but writing as a private resident)

5200 Austin Road

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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Fwd: Ban Drift Gill Nets, Agenda Item F3

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Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 11:25 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **patricia mc pherson** <patriciamcpherson1@verizon.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 11:22 AM

Subject: Ban Drift Gill Nets, Agenda Item F3

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC,

Please implement the ban on drift gill nets. A clear message has been sent by the public to protect our wildlife. Many organizations and independent people are risking their lives "fishing out" the debris of abandoned drift gill nets and other human waste in our oceans, seas and bays. Commercial fishing operations utilizing drift gill nets have been long known to be killing innocent marine mammals as they entangle and kill thousands of whales, sea otter, diving seabirds, sea lions, dolphins and sea turtles every year off our coast.

Please implement the ban on drift gill nets,
Patricia McPherson, Grassroots Coalition

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Fwd: Support ban on gill nets

1 message

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Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 3:23 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: claire@schlotterbeck.net <claire@schlotterbeck.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 3:14 PM

Subject: Support ban on gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Sirs,

I am writing to express my support for a ban on drift gill nets off the coast of California. The toll these nets take on marine life is too high.

Claire Schlotterbeck
Brea, CA

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Fwd: Drift and Gill Nets

1 message

PFMC Comments - NOAA Service Account <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 1:32 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: <dmandch@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Subject: Drift and Gill Nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Large nets are killing many marine mammals and other animals that are unintended by catch. Please work to greatly reduce this by catch.

In particular these nets should not be used and if used should be able to release unintended catch.

Regards,
Drew Martin
Conservation Chair, Loxahatchee Group, Sierra Club of Florida
720 Lucerne Ave. #1396
Lake Worth, Fl. 33460

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Fwd: Ban of Drift Gill Nets

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Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 1:32 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: cdl@lombinolawstudio.com <cdl@lombinolawstudio.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 4:41 PM

Subject: Ban of Drift Gill Nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Please ban the use of drift gill nets off the coast of California. Let's have responsible fisheries.

Chuck Lombino

cdl@lombino.com

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Fwd: Take action: There's a better way to catch swordfish

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Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 4:56 PM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: revbradgraves@gmail.com <revbradgraves@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 4:44 PM

Subject: Take action: There's a better way to catch swordfish

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Chair Lowman and council members:

I am writing to encourage you to keep authorization of deep-set buoy gear on track in 2016. By taking this action, the Pacific Fishery Management Council can help to meet its stated commitment to reduced bycatch as outlined in its draft Swordfish Fishery Management and Monitoring Plan from September 2015.

Off the West Coast, hundreds of animals are unnecessarily entangled and killed by drift gillnets. Fortunately, better alternatives are available. Deep-set buoy gear uses a hook-and-buoy system that enables fishermen to drop their hooks as deep as 1,200 feet to reach swordfish during the day. The gear boasts a 94 percent marketable catch rate, meaning that almost all of what is caught can be kept and sold. Buoy gear has been tested by scientists and cooperating fishermen with minimal bycatch of nontarget species and a consistent catch of swordfish. In fact, if buoy gear authorization stays on track, it will have received six years of extensive testing on the West Coast by the time it is allowed on the water.

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

For several years, the Pacific council has stated concerns about bycatch from drift gillnets in the swordfish fishery. Deep-set buoy gear provides a real opportunity to address bycatch while ensuring an alternative that supports sustainable fisheries and local economies on the West Coast. Please authorize deep-set buoy gear in 2016.

Sincerely,

Rev Bradford k Graves
2656 Fountain Ave
South Lake Tahoe
CA
961503017
United States

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Fwd: Save dolphins & turtles: Authorize Deep-set Buoy Gear

1 message

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Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 9:18 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: lholfmes@hillsdale.edu <lholfmes@hillsdale.edu>

Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2016 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Save dolphins & turtles: Authorize Deep-set Buoy Gear

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Chair Lowman and council members:

Off the West Coast, hundreds of marine animals are unnecessarily entangled and killed by drift gillnets. Drift gillnets have only a 36% marketable catch rate. Often referred to as "walls of death" due to high levels of bycatch, drift gillnets are banned in many parts of the world including all international waters and in the Mediterranean Sea.

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Sincerely,

L.M. Holmes
215 N King St
Honolulu
HI
968176701
United States

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Fwd: GILL NETS off the coastline of California

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Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 9:20 AM

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From: **Maria Reverberi** <maria.reverberi@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 15, 2016 at 2:59 PM

Subject: RE: GILL NETS off the coastline of California

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

Please implement a ban on drift gill nets off the coastline of California. Drift nets capture and kill thousands of marine animals (whales, seals, dolphins, sea otters, sea lions, sea turtles and diving sea birds). These animals captured in gill nets die a tortured slow, suffocating death. Not only is it cruel to these animals, but add to the extinction of our sea-life and valuable diverse species. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Reverberi

Graphic Designer, Photographer

Multimedia Artist & Filmmaker

<http://www.mariareverberistudio.com>

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kevany

615 Bennington Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dorothy M. Lowman, Chair, & Council Members
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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SUBJECT: There's a better way to catch swordfish!

PFMC

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Mr & Mrs Michael Kevany



Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

Fwd: drift gill nets

1 message

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Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:31 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Lynn Cullens** <lynnccullens@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:27 AM

Subject: drift gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Please end the use of drift gill nets now. At the last Fish and Game Commission meeting, I saw the barren former kelp forests along the state's north coast. Our coastlines and marine ecosystems can no longer be treated as commodities without concern for sustainability.

The gill nets are indiscriminate, destroying all kinds of sea life regardless of its edibility.

Thank you,

Lynn Cullens
1217 23rd Street
Sacramento CA 95816

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Fwd: drift gill net fishing

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From: **Megan Mersman-Black** <apricotmegan@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 10:25 PM

Subject: drift gill net fishing

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

**PLEASE END THIS PRACTICE IN CALIFORNIA. IT HAS BEEN
OUTLAWED BY SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND STATES AND
WE ARE CONTINUING THIS PRACTICE WHICH HARMS MORE
THAN IT HELPS. OVER 2/3 OF THE CATCH IS NOT KEPT AND
RETURNED EITHER INJURED OR DEAD. PLEASE PLEASE OUTLAW
IT NOW!!!**

SINCERELY, WITH HOPE, MARGARET M. BLACK

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Fwd: End Drift Gill Net Fishing

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From: **Carroll Nast** <canast@colfaxnet.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 9:15 PM

Subject: End Drift Gill Net Fishing

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Council Members,

Drift gill nets seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystem and destroy most of the marine life it captures. We are overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Sincerely,

Carroll Nast
Colfax, CA

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<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

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Fwd: Drift Net fishing on our Coasts

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From: **John McKean** <johnwallismckean@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 12:07 PM

Subject: Drift Net fishing on our Coasts

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I urge you to reconsider and discontinue Drift Net Fishing in our coastal waters.
John McKean.

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Fwd: Drift Gill Nets

2 messages

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From: **shandon schmeiske** <shandonslist@att.net>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 7:50 AM

Subject: Drift Gill Nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I urge you to halt the use of drift gill nets because:

- 1.They seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystems.
2. California is overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Sincerely,

Shandon Schmeiske,
a concerned 4th generation Californian

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From: **Steven T Callan** <Steven@steventcallan.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 3:18 PM

Subject: Drift Gill Nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Members of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

Please accept my strong recommendation that drift gill nets be outlawed in all west coast waters. It makes no sense to establish marine protected areas (MPAs), so marine species may recover, and still allow these indiscriminate killing tools to drift freely in the ocean. Allowing this terrible practice to continue so a few people can eat swordfish is bad science. Drift gill nets are also taking their toll on whales and other protected marine mammals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Stevn T. Callan

[530-547-3774](tel:530-547-3774) (home office)

[530-524-2997](tel:530-524-2997) (cell)

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From: **sue stack** <suestackthelumberjack@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 6:56 AM

Subject: comment

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please ban drift gill net fishing. I have contributed money and emotional energy to sea turtle causes, and hate to see it all be defeated by these terrible gill nets

Sue Stack

Newcastle, California 95658

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From: **Bob Jasper** <bjasper2@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 3:36 AM

Subject: Please ban driftnets...

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Ever so often one of these situations comes to light that is just appalling. Appalling that they ever occurred in those shameful, dark corners of our history. Then comes the bigger shock...it's STILL HAPPENING! This issue gets even more shameful when I find out that my "progressive" state of California is behind all the other (more enlightened) states. And that RUSSIA is more progressive than California on this issue. Why is the sound of "ka-ching, ka-ching" drowning out any voice or opinion I might have?

Every time I see logic and urgently needed efforts to save our environment taking a back seat to corporate greed, I can only come to the obvious conclusion. Big, corporate money talks. When endangered animals are being harvested for profit...the same sound that stifles me also drowns out the animals' cries of distress.

The examples of the abandonment of logic and compassion encompass all industries that use animals or people for profit. Our political leaders' priority is to serve their corporate paymasters. That explains it all in one sentence. But the history of whaling (and most commercial slaughtering of animals) is a shameful and embarrassing one. Where a finite resource is no match for human greed.

Please give a second thought on where you want to stand on this issue in the history books. The public opinion on our treatment of our fellow beings is changing, clearly and rapidly. PLEASE be on the compassionate side of this. The logical side. The only side that reflects the evolvement and progress of man's capacity for kindness and mercy. And the side that we can let future historians read about without shame.

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From: **Brad Findlay** <bfind74@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 12:03 AM

Subject: Stop Ocean Drift Gill Net Fishing Now

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

The Pacific Marine Fisheries Council needs to put a stop to Drift Gill Net Fishing in California, and it needs to do it now. This practice is outdated, inefficient, and it damages our fragile marine ecosystem by killing or injuring many aquatic species in order to acquire a simple few. Besides this it is an expensive practice to regulate, costing taxpayers money to effectively subsidize the destruction of shared public resources.

The evidence is clear too that drift gill nets are a continuing threat to the precious sea mammals we cherish, whales like the endangered blue and humpback whales. And each year hundreds of sea turtles, already struggling to survive as a species, are caught in the drift net fishing practices which continue in California yet are long-ago banned in other US states as well as other nations around the world.

California, a leader in environmental issues in many ways, is long overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the disastrous and and inhumane practice of using drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Let's move into the 21st century in the California fisheries and put an end to Drift Gill Net fishing once and for all!

Concerned,

Brad Findlay
Roseville, CA

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Fwd: Drift Gillnets off California

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From: **Chuck Knutson** <chuckknutson@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 11:33 PM

Subject: Drift Gillnets off California

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC Members,

According to the Pew Charitable Trust, deep-set buoy gear would be a far better alternative to drift gill nets or shallow-water longlines off California. See:

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2015/10/22/lets-phase-out-drift-gillnets-to-catch-west-coast-swordfish>

I think the PFMC should be recommending a change in gear from drift gillnets to deep-set buoy gear, which uses hooks in deep water instead of nets. Shallow water long lines are very wasteful, as shown by the fishery in Hawaii, and should not be used as a replacement for the drift gill nets off California.

California's swordfish fishery needs to substantially reduce its drift gillnet bycatch, especially on marine mammals, by shifting the swordfish fishery gear from drift gillnets to deep-set buoy gear.

Chuck Knutson

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Fwd: halt drift gill net use

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From: **Diane** <dswann@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 10:26 PM

Subject: halt drift gill net use

To: pfmc comments <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please halt drift gill net use. It is too destructive of marine life, destroying most the the life it captures. Our oceans are under threat from many things we have dumped into the water and this is something we can do something about immediately. We need to clean up our oceans and support only sustainable fishing.

Diane Swann

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From: **Karen Jacques** <threegables@macnexus.org>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 10:08 PM

Subject: Gill Nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Gill nets need to be outlawed immediately and permanently. They are responsible for killing the oceans creatures on a massive scale. Such killing includes endangered whales and turtles. These nets are the result of greed and a complete disregard for life and for the health of our oceans and marine ecosystems. I am appalled and sickened that they were ever allowed. If you care at all about the health of our oceans or about the survival of species you will outlaw gill nets as fast as possible. If you fail to do this, it will be clear that you are working on behalf of the criminals that use these giant nets, not the public who want a healthy ocean and a healthy planet.

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Fwd: Drift Net Fishing on California Coastal Waters

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From: **Tom Brown** <t_brown2001@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 9:34 PM

Subject: Drift Net Fishing on California Coastal Waters

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Drift net fishing is a phenomenally inefficient and expensive way to fish. The target in California is mostly swordfish, although some sharks are also caught and sold. Only one animal in eight is a swordfish and typically 2/3 of the catch is unwanted bycatch and simply thrown overboard, much of it injured or dead.

California is the last place you would expect to host pelagic drift net swordfish fleets. Large-scale driftnet fishing has already been outlawed on the high seas by the United Nations; countries around the world (most recently Russia) have banned their use. California is the last state in the U.S. where it continues unabated. Yet the California drift net fishing industry kills or injures more whales and dolphins than all other fisheries in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska combined. Why do we continue to allow the wanton destruction of marine life off our coast?

The Council makes rules regulating fishing practices in Pacific waters. Many concerned citizens in coastal communities have already expressed their outrage to the Council. Now you have a golden opportunity to take action to halt drift gill net use and move to adopt more sustainable, targeted fishing gear.

I urge you to do so, now.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Brown
104 Cezanne Ln.
Folsom, CA 95630

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From: **Leal Portis** <portis.leal@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 8:23 PM

Subject: Drift Gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please outlaw the use of Drift Gill nets as they are damaging the Marine ecosystem. Leal Portis Nevada City, CA

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From: **D. Thomas Woodruff** <Tom@woplav.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 6:59 PM

Subject: Drift gill nets should not be legal

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please stop the use of drift gill nets.
Tom Woodruff

Sent from my iPad

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From: **Ray Rozema** <rozema54@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 6:03 PM

Subject:

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please save our oceans

- Drift gill nets seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystem.
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- Drift gill nets are a continuing threat to endangered whales and sea turtles each year that drift net fishing practices continue.
- California is overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Thank you

Ray Rozema M D

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From: **Karen Loro** <nettlesk@me.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 5:13 PM

Subject: Drift nets need to GO AWAY

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

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karen Loro ,Nevada City ,ca

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From: prccl@netzero.net <prccl@netzero.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Drift net

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Drift net fishing is not an efficient means of fishing if most of the catch is thrown away. It depletes ocean resources which sustain each other and us. If we continue on this course our oceans will die and our food sources will diminish as population increases. Long term sustainability needs to replace the short term profit outlook.

Paul Chavez

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From: **Barbarabeaudreau** <barbarabeaudreau@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 4:32 PM

Subject: Drift net fishing

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please take immediate steps to stop this cruel, inefficient and wasteful method of fishing. Our oceans can't withstand this mindless onslaught.

Respectfully,
Richard Beaudreau

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Gilbert Mandell** <gmoncdoc@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 7:47 PM

Subject: Drift net fishing

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I strongly urge you to outlaw drift net fishing in California

Gilbert L. Mandell M.D., FACP

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From: <itsedh@softcom.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 4:26 PM

Subject: Ban drift gill net fishing

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please reconsider the use of gill net fishing as a viable means of catching fish.

Sincerely,

Edh Stanley

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From: **David Rossi** <airborne_173rd69@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 4:24 PM

Subject: Bottom fishing via net, drag fishing and net fishing alike should be considered illegal.

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am appose to drift net fishing it is not selective nor sportsman like its catch all kill all and that is not my idea of being an angler and it should not represent in any way commercial fishing.

Sincerely,

David M. Rossi

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From: **LUANNE CLAYTON** <luanneclayton@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 4:17 PM

Subject: Opposition to use of gill nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

- I am against the use of gill nets in commercial swordfish fishing for the following reasons:
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- Drift gill nets seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystem.
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- Drift gill nets are a continuing threat to endangered whales and sea turtles each year that drift net fishing practices continue.
- California is overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Please do not allow this environmental travesty and considerably wasteful to continue.

Luanne Clayton
5320 Verner Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95841

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From: **Alan / Sue Colombano** <ascolombano@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 3:57 PM

Subject: California Ocean Gill-netting

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Hello,

I urge you to put a stop to California Ocean Gill-netting. This is an unsustainable industry with excessive by catch and damage to the overall fishery. Additionally, swordfish are high in mercury and not on "green" list of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Thank you,
Alan Colombano

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Fwd: Drift Nets

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Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:37 AM

To: Kit Dahl - NOAA Affiliate <kit.dahl@noaa.gov>

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From: **Rob Sorum** <rdsorum@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 3:51 PM

Subject: Drift Nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Good afternoon,

Please take the following points into consideration and work towards a solution to end destructive drift net fishing.

- Drift gill nets seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystem.
- Drift gill net fishing is grossly inefficient, as it destroys most of the marine life it captures. Expensive attempts by the state to regulate it amounts to taxpayers subsidizing the destruction of their own public resources.
- Drift gill nets are a continuing threat to endangered whales and sea turtles each year that drift net fishing practices continue.
- California is overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

Thank you for your time.

Rob Sorum
Grass Valley, CA

Sent from my iPhone

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Fwd: Drift Gill Net Fishing

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Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:32 AM

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From: **Barbara Gladfelter** <bbgladfelter@yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 2:00 PM

Subject: Drift Gill Net Fishing

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I strongly oppose drift gill net fishing for the following reasons:

- Drift gill nets seriously threaten California's fragile marine ecosystem.
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Barbara Gladfelter

225 Archer Place

Dixon, CA 95620

bbgladfelter@yahoo.com

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From: **janet bullock** <janetbullock41@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 3:46 PM

Subject: Drift Gill Net Fishing

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,
Please put an end to the use of Drift Gill Net Fishing. What a destructive practice!

Sincerely,

Janet Bullock

Grass Valley, CA

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From: **James Kirks Junior** <jameskirks@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 3:35 PM

Subject: Drift gill nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Councilors:

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- California is overdue in joining other states and nations in putting an end to the use of drift gill nets in the swordfish fishery.

I respectfully urge PFMC to end the use of drift gill nets.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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From: **Joel Mandel** <j2mandel@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 9:39 PM

Subject: Drift gill nets

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear PFMC

Please ban the use of drift gill nets.

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Joel Mandel

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2550 Sycamore Lane, Apt. 5B

Davis, CA 95616

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From: **Sasha Coombs** <s_holland@icloud.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 10:00 PM

Subject: Drift gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As you most likely know, California is a leader for countless environmental laws and policies. I'm saddened that this is still an issue that lingers. As the following points about this form of 'fishing' has surely been brought to your attention often, I respectfully request that you ban the nets and help preserve the oceans for future generations.

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Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 8:32 AM

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From: **Walter Helm** <walter@svn.com>

Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 at 4:27 PM

Subject: Drift gill nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Greetings: Please do not allow any type of Gill Nets. With my many years of diving and fishing in the Sea of Cortez I have seen first hand the devastation to the marine life and damage to the eco system. I have gone on many trips starting in the 60's with my marine biologist brother. Due to their damage I can not imagine they have not been outlawed.

Please do not allow the Gill Nets.

Thanks you

Walter

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Fwd: Protect marine life from drift gillnets

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From: heather@cawhalerescue.org <heather@cawhalerescue.org>

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 2:45 PM

Subject: Protect marine life from drift gillnets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Chair Lowman and Council Members:

At your March meeting, the Council will make important decisions on how to manage the West Coast swordfish fishery. I encourage the council to move this fishery away from drift gillnets to more sustainable methods of fishing. In the meantime, the council should adopt enforceable limits on the catch of vulnerable and endangered species to protect the ocean ecosystem while fishermen make the transition to less-wasteful fishing methods. Vessels using drift gillnets are outlawed on the high seas and in the Mediterranean Sea and are no longer allowed to land their catch in Oregon and Washington.

Animals unintentionally caught in drift gillnets are an important part of the ocean ecosystem and are of great national significance. They provide aesthetic and recreational value and enhance the economies of coastal communities through whale watching tours, dive trips, and other tourism activities. It is simply not acceptable to indefinitely permit the killing of dolphins and other marine life by the drift gillnet fishery. The Council should protect these species by ensuring that fishing is conducted in the least harmful way.

At your upcoming meeting, I encourage you to set enforceable limits on the killing of nontarget marine life and increase monitoring of drift gillnets. However, I do not believe this is a long-term solution. Every year that is spent making incremental changes to the drift gillnet fishery will delay the necessary transition to cleaner and more sustainable fishing methods.

Thank you for your work to protect our marine ecosystem.

Sincerely, Heather

Heather Willis
Pacifica CA
United States

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From: kathikoontz@hotmail.com <kathikoontz@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 2:28 PM
Subject: Protect marine life from drift gillnets
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Sincerely,

Kathi Koontz
Sausalito CA
United States

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Fwd: drift nets

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From: **John Seid** <johnseid@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 9:01 AM

Subject: drift nets

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please stop the irresponsible practice of drift nets. In this day and age with so many species being depleted, please act in a thoughtful and responsible way. Forget the interests from the industry—self interest only. Act for the general public and for our grand children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Seid

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Fwd: Ban drift gill nets - please!

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From: **Terry McDaniel** <mcterry@volcano.net>

Date: Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Ban drift gill nets - please!

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

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Terry

Terry McDaniel 19311 Mountain View Way, Volcano, CA 95689 [209-304-0685](tel:209-304-0685)

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Fwd: Anti-Drill Net Fishing

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From: **Underwood, Sally** <underwo6@seattleu.edu>

Date: Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 9:52 AM

Subject: Anti-Drill Net Fishing

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Hello,

Please stop the use of drift gill nets. As a citizen both of this state and the planet, it deeply concerns me that we use such destructive measures. Drift gill nets are inefficient, they threaten the ecosystem and *already* threatened species, and are a sign that California is embarrassingly behind the times in environmental measures. I strongly feel that drift gill nets must be banned, and only sustainable methods (with the lowest possible chance of by catch) be used. This is imperative. (The fishing industry will be fine. No one's gonna die without swordfish to eat, and those dependent on using drift gill nets for an income can do so using more sustainable methods and suffer the financial hit.)

Sincerely,

Sally Underwood

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Fwd: Please vote to stop drift gill net fishing

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Tue, Mar 1, 2016 at 6:53 AM

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From: **John Lane** <JLane@teichert.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 29, 2016 at 4:51 PM

Subject: Please vote to stop drift gill net fishing

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am writing to express my sincere concern over the continued use of drift gill nets. My wife and I have travelled extensively in areas of the world where the use of these nets has impacted not only the ocean fisheries but also in the small fishing villages and people who rely on sustenance fishing. We have heard and seen of great changes in our and their lifetimes. We have seen the boats personally on the open water as they lay down miles of net. We have seen how few target fish are pulled from the nets while the vast majority of net catch are disposed of or released while injured. It is an image not soon forgotten. There are so many challenges facing open water fisheries and the people and environment that depend on them.

Please consider this opportunity to stop this damaging practice that occurs here in California where we pride ourselves on environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

John and Carrie Lane

2335 Gunn Road, Carmichael, CA 95608

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Thank you for your comments to the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

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