

Thank you for allowing my letter to be introduced to the council.
My apologies for missing the open online comment period.
My name is Brett Webb.

I work with ODFW in an advisory role on the Oregon Nearshore Commercial Fishery.
I also am very engaged in other ways in my community as a City Councilor, Port Commissioner , as well as serving on the Oregon Nearshore Permit Review Board.
I am a nearshore permit holder , and have been participating in this fishery for 25 years.
Resource managers and fishery participants agree that the grouping of Blue Rockfish with “other colored “ rockfish creates conflict between northern participants, and southern participants for the simple fact that the north has habitat that is not suitable for colored rockfish .
Managers get to enjoy both sides of this conflict as fists pound on tables.
“But we don’t have colored fish” and, “ but blues have nearly no market value “

The North harvests Blues , with a market value of \$1/ pound .
On the south coast , colored rockfish are plentiful and are valued at up to \$7.00/ pound .
With the current species grouping , managers are forced to create a situation where the highest value species harvest is shared with the lowest value species as to keep the northern fishers going.

This current management scheme serves literally no one....
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There is no silver lining.

Please, good councilors...
It’s long beyond time to address this situation.
Perhaps it’s the first you’ve heard of it, but it hurts Oregon fishers and managers every single day.

ODFW had done a fabulous job at managing this fishery and I strongly advise you to accept the proposal offered by them to regroup these fish.
It makes sense, it increases value, and eases managements struggle to create an all inclusive management style that Oregon has come to expect.

Thank you
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Sent from my iPhone