



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/5/2023

File #: 23-1563

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Letter Regarding the 2023 Nearshore Groundfish Fishery Season Closure Northern Groundfish Management Area (Supervisor Rex Bohn)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of opposition to the closure of the 2023 nearshore rockfish season in marine waters off the coast.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund - 1100

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors is sending a letter to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) expressing concerns over the 2023 Nearshore Groundfish Fishery Season Closure. As a rural coastal community, many of our residents are reliant on the local marine fishery for their livelihood, such as charter boat owners, fishing supply stores, and seafood restaurants. Sport ocean fishing and tourism is a major attractant for visitors to our community and many sectors of our economy rely on this tourism. This closure and its effect on the individual fisherman and small business owners has been and will continue to be devastating.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: N/A

New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service

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Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Fish & Wildlife

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter Regarding 2023 Nearshore Groundfish Fishery Season Closure

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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