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Glenn Haight, Executive Director
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RE: October 15 work session

Dear Mr. Haight,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at this late date at your work session tomorrow.

We have recently been made aware of the Board of Fisheries proposal to reschedule the Southeast meeting to April 17th through April 29th of 2021, delaying the meeting until spring.

These dates are unsuitable for our participation at the Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting as many of our trollers will be involved in the longline fisheries open at that time. Others will be in the midst of boat preparation as not to miss the spring troll season which is due to open shortly thereafter.

We also believe that it is critical for an in-person, not virtual, Board of Fisheries meeting take place and realize COVID concerns will likely encumber the Board's workload for the next year or so.

Please keep in mind January is probably the best window for us as to not interfere with trolling or our supplemental fisheries. We would appreciate the ability to participate without significant economic consequences.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Daugherty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy Daugherty
Executive Director