

Proposal 243

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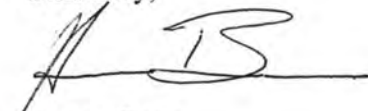
Board of Fish through Chairmen Johnstone:

I was surprised at the magnitude of irrelevant arguments being raised in opposition to proposal 243. I didn't see anything in the proposal that suggests shutting down herring fisheries, changing management plans or destroying fish markets. The fact of the matter is it does none of the above. The decision to be made is a simple one, and I would like you to consider the reason why this is before you. The following questions should help you contemplate decision to add pacific herring to the existing forage fish management plan.

- 1) Are herring a forage fish? *Without a doubt.*
- 2) If adopted, what effect will this proposal have on existing herring fisheries? *None.*
- 3) If adopted, what effect will this proposal have on development of new herring fisheries? *None.*
- 4) How will this board be view by the global resource management community if you refuse to acknowledge herring as a forage fish? *Biased.*
- 5) Why are there exceptions within the existing management plan to fish herring, yet herring are not listed within the plan itself? *Because it is flawed and needs to be corrected.*

Given the board of fish process I don't see how anything else could be considered at this point in time. At the very least it is time the board corrects the obvious contradiction in the existing forage fish management plan. I also ask the board keep any further discussion of proposal 243 on track, by not allowing any comments that are not peeve to the proposal itself to be heard.

Sincerely,



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