

Steve Brown comment on Proposal 197

My estimates of the cost to Area M fishers if Proposal 197 is adopted is:

- \$2,000 for one individual to hang one ~~individual~~ net. These are web costs and labor to hang. Since several nets are needed as back-up or spare nets, the individual cost could easily be \$4-6,000 per individual
- The total cost to the Area M fleet (140 drifters) would be \$280,000 PER NET. If the fleet hung an average of two nets, the total cost would be \$560,000 or more
- Many individuals and businesses that sell web already have inventory of 70 mesh deep that probably would not be able to be used elsewhere, so this is an additional hidden cost.
- Many individuals may not be able to comply with a change in regulation since nets are stored in Port Moller. Additional costs of \$3,000/net would be incurred if an individual had to buy new corklines, leadlines, and corks,