

In PC 75 Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association **OPPOSED** proposal 202. After attending the seine vessel length meeting on the evening of February 24, 2015, I would like to expand my comments.

**Proposal 202: OPPOSE**

Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association opposes this proposal that would require boat documentation to be submitted to CFEC. We have many Southeast seiners in our organization. None of them have bolt on bows or are of questionable length. Many of our seine vessels have participated in the fishery for decades. None of them want to pay to be hauled out and re-surveyed to submit their length to CFEC. They are legal limit seiners and this is an unnecessary expense.

This is also a poorly written proposal. Option 2 "requires that the federal document showing the overall length of each vessel must be submitted each year before a boat can renew its license." In some cases the USCG federal document uses keel length to designate the length of a vessel. Many vessels are longer than their keel. This proposal could allow the opposite of the proposers intentions and allow for more vessels longer than 58' overall to participate in the fishery.

Respectfully,  
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