Good morning,

I have also sent this via the online form for public comments.

This is a public comment for (Docket #2019-R-F-0026) on proposed revisions to the Tidal Finfish regulations regarding Striped Bass Spawning Season and Area Restrictions.

I don't see any problems allowing commercial netters to use this area in the Delaware. It will allow these anglers to fish faster and more efficiently. The area in question is not that large in comparison. There are also not that many commercial anglers who do fish this way to begin with. I doubt we would see an increase of commercial anglers using that area for the requested netting technique or process. In fact it is a better way to fish and less stressful on by catch species.

There will be less conflict of interest or use of the area between recreational anglers and commercial anglers trying to fish the same area. When it takes the commercial anglers weeks to catch their limit, they and the recreational anglers tend to get in each others way.

Allowing these anglers to net in this area and finish up their season in a matter of days, compared to weeks just makes more sense. They will also be able to get fish to market faster, getting them the best prices. An economic impact that would be favorable to not only the anglers themselves, but Delaware in general.

There won't be anymore or less fish taken due to the limits already set on commercial limits by the state of Delaware.

Thank You,

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