

**In The Matter Of:**

*Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control  
Regulatory Amendments Tidal Finfish*

---

*Hearing  
February 26, 2020*

---

*Wilcox & Fetzer, Ltd.  
1330 King Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
email: [depos@wilfet.com](mailto:depos@wilfet.com), web: [www.wilfet.com](http://www.wilfet.com)  
phone: 302-655-0477, fax: 302-655-0497*



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: Proposed Regulatory Amendments )  
to 7 DE Admin Code 3500, Tidal Finfish, )  
3550 Cobia - Public Hearing )

.. . . . .

DNREC Richardson & Robbins Building  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, Delaware 19901

Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
6:40 p.m.

.. . . . .

BEFORE: Theresa Newman, Hearing Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Stew Michels, DNREC

-- Transcript of Proceedings --

WILCOX & FETZER  
1330 King Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
(302) 655-0477  
www.wilfet.com



1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page

Introduction by Ms. Newman . . . . . 3

Presentation by the Division, Mr. Michels . . . 6  
 Entry of Exhibits 1 through 14

Public Comments:

    Tyler O'Neal . . . . . 8

    Rich King . . . . . 10

    John Lupinetti . . . . . 11

    Rich King . . . . . 12

    John Lupinetti . . . . . 14

    Ron Smith . . . . . 15

    Tyler O'Neal . . . . . 16

Conclusory Remarks by Ms. Newman . . . . . 18

Certificate of Reporter . . . . . 19



1 MS. NEWMAN: Please allow the  
2 record to reflect the time is now 6:04 on  
3 Wednesday, February 25, 2020.

4 This is the second of two hearings  
5 scheduled tonight.

6 This hearing is to provide a formal  
7 platform for the State of Delaware's  
8 Department of Natural Resources and  
9 Environmental Control to receive public  
10 comment on the Proposed Regulatory Amendments  
11 to 7 DE Admin Code 3500 Tidal Finfish, to  
12 include Proposed Regulation 3550, Cobia.

13 Again, for the record, my name is  
14 Theresa Newman, and Secretary Garvin has  
15 appointed me to serve as the hearing officer  
16 for tonight's formal proceeding.

17 Please allow the record to reflect  
18 that all protocols that were previously  
19 stated for the preceding hearing are still in  
20 place for this formal hearing tonight.

21 As a quick reminder, all persons  
22 wishing to speak tonight will be given an  
23 opportunity to do so after the Department's  
24 presentation.



1           Please keep in mind that this is a  
2           separate hearing matter. Verbal comments  
3           provided shall be strictly related to the  
4           Proposed Regulation 3550, Cobia.

5           Again, each person will be granted  
6           a total of three minutes to offer comment.  
7           Please provide me with any written comment  
8           you have to be marked as a part of the  
9           record.

10           Before we begin the presentation,  
11           it is important to note that the record --  
12           there is no decision that has been made by  
13           the Department, nor will any decision be made  
14           tonight.

15           A record consisting of the  
16           transcript of verbatim verbal comments given  
17           tonight, all written comments submitted prior  
18           to the hearing and after, all exhibits, and  
19           my report will be reviewed by the Secretary.

20           The Secretary will ultimately issue  
21           an order containing his decision of the  
22           proposed regulations and the reasons  
23           therefore.

24           The hearing record being generated



1 in this matter will close 15 days from  
2 tonight's hearing on March 12, 2020.

3 All comment, whether offered  
4 verbally tonight or submitted prior to March  
5 12th in writing, will bear the exact same  
6 weight and will be equally considered by the  
7 Secretary prior to making a final decision in  
8 this matter.

9 With that being said, I will hand  
10 it over to Mr. Stewart Michels to present for  
11 the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

12 MR. MICHELS: Thank you very much,  
13 Theresa. Just one minor correction. I think  
14 you said the time was 6:04, and it was  
15 actually 6:40.

16 MS. NEWMAN: Oh, sorry. Thank you.

17 MR. MICHELS: That's quite all  
18 right.

19 The Division has 14 exhibits that  
20 we would like to offer for the record --

21 MS. NEWMAN: Great.

22 MR. MICHELS: -- in this matter.

23 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. Please  
24 allow the record to reflect Exhibits 1



1 through 14, as given by Mr. Stewart, as the  
2 Department's Exhibits 1 through 14.

3 MR. MICHELS: And then we have a  
4 brief presentation I can make regarding this  
5 matter, if it pleases you.

6 MS. NEWMAN: Please do so.

7 MR. MICHELS: All righty. Again,  
8 thank you everybody. I'm really, really  
9 impressed by the turnout for Cobia.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You put it  
11 on the same night as striper. What do you  
12 expect? (Laughter)

13 MR. MICHELS: That's right. Well  
14 done me! (Laughter)

15 Now, okay, so this is proposing a  
16 new section of the Delaware Administrative  
17 Code. Right now we have, as most of you are  
18 aware, no regulations in place.

19 Unfortunately, Cobia biomass has  
20 declined over the past two decades. However,  
21 as best we can determine, the stock is not  
22 overfished, and no overfishing is occurring  
23 as of yet.

24 The ASMFC approved an Interstate



1 Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic  
2 migratory group of Cobia way back in November  
3 of 2017.

4 According to that plan, Delaware  
5 must adopt precautionary management measures  
6 for Cobia.

7 Because Delaware has no reported  
8 commercial Cobia landings, and we have no  
9 estimated recreational landings, although we  
10 do know that Cobia are taken on occasion in  
11 Delaware, we have two options.

12 We can either adopt the Option 1  
13 measures, which are referred to as de minimis  
14 measures, because we are a de minimis state,  
15 meaning that we have minor landings; or we  
16 can adopt the -- well, the fishing options of  
17 our nearest non-de-minimis neighbor, which in  
18 this case would be Virginia.

19 So in the draft regulation, you can  
20 see there is both options are laid out as  
21 they would appear. That's an either/or. So  
22 we have to select one or the other.

23 For simplicity, though, I'm going  
24 to leave this up here for you to comment on.





1 I think it's a little bit more clear to --  
2 more clearly lays out what the two options  
3 are for you to provide comment on.

4 And again, just like the last one,  
5 we will take your comment verbally or in  
6 writing tonight, or you can also supply  
7 comments in writing on one of those other  
8 various forms.

9 The Department will accept public  
10 comment through the close of business on  
11 Thursday, March 12, 2020, as previously  
12 mentioned.

13 And with that, that concludes the  
14 presentation.

15 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. As the  
16 Department has no further remarks, I will now  
17 open up the floor to public comment.

18 Please keep in mind there is a  
19 three-minute timer set in place, and all  
20 comment shall pertain to the hearing matter  
21 only.

22 First up we have Tyler O'Neal.

23 MR. O'NEAL: So I'm Tyler O'Neal.  
24 I'm a small business owner that deals with



1            fisheries in Delaware. And I'm a Delaware  
2            board member for the American (inaudible)  
3            Association.

4            So to manage conservatively, the  
5            raising potential increase at ASMFC's  
6            concern, as fishing efforts rise  
7            considerably, we don't want to end up in a  
8            situation where we have ended up with a lot  
9            of other stocks managed under ASMFC, given  
10           that I believe 17 of the 26 are overfished or  
11           status unknown.

12           So I would go for the Option 2 with  
13           the 40-inch limit. There is not a ton of  
14           Cobia in Delaware waters, so the chance that  
15           a vessel is going to have three shots to  
16           hook, land, and keep three fish over 40  
17           inches is probably pretty rare.

18           And I think that would save more  
19           fish, just to make sure that we are not  
20           ending up in a situation where we are going  
21           to end up overfishing another species. Thank  
22           you.

23           MS. NEWMAN: Thank you, Mr. O'Neal.

24           Okay. I don't have anyone else who



1 has signed in that marked that they wanted to  
2 provide a comment. However, if you would  
3 like to, please raise your hand, and I will  
4 call upon you.

5 MR. KING: I have two questions.  
6 Can I ask those?

7 MS. NEWMAN: You may ask the  
8 question, but you will not receive a response  
9 tonight. Your response will be provided to  
10 you.

11 MR. KING: Well, the question is  
12 going to depend upon my comment. Do we have  
13 a commercial fishery for Cobia in Delaware?

14 MR. MICHELS: May I answer?

15 MS. NEWMAN: Sure. (Laughter)

16 MR. MICHELS: We do not have a  
17 directed Cobia fishery, but there is nothing  
18 that would prohibit someone from landing  
19 Cobia.

20 MR. KING: Okay.

21 MS. NEWMAN: Can you state your  
22 name for the record? I'm sorry.

23 MR. KING: Rich King.

24 MS. NEWMAN: Okay. Thank you.



1 Sir, I saw you placed your hand up. Would  
2 you like to provide a comment?

3 MR. LUPINETTI: Me?

4 MS. NEWMAN: Yes.

5 MR. LUPINETTI: Well, I just have a  
6 question, too. I guess my question is --

7 MS. NEWMAN: Sir, could you state  
8 your name first, please?

9 MR. LUPINETTI: I'm John Lupinetti.

10 I guess what my question is, you  
11 could be commercial -- and tell me if I'm  
12 correct or not -- you could be commercial.  
13 If you catch them hook and line and then fit  
14 the criteria, you could sell them, if you  
15 caught them hook and line, if you have a  
16 commercial license; correct?

17 MR. MICHELS: You can take them  
18 commercially now using any gear that you  
19 happen to catch with.

20 MR. LUPINETTI: Yeah. So it is  
21 there, I mean, if you can catch them hook and  
22 line and sell them, whatever they want to do?

23 MR. MICHELS: Yeah. I mean,  
24 technically, if they caught them in a gill



1 net.

2 MR. LUPINETTI: Yeah. They can  
3 keep them, then?

4 MR. MICHELS: Sure. Sure.

5 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Lupinetti. Is there any others who would  
7 like to provide a comment?

8 MR. KING: Yeah. I'm Rich King. I  
9 would say go with Option 1, just for the fact  
10 that if you go with Option 2, you are looking  
11 at killing larger fish recreationally.

12 Right now, recreational anglers are  
13 the ones that are whacking these fish. I  
14 know this because last year these guys were  
15 hammering these things.

16 So if the smaller fish are not your  
17 breeders or almost your breeders, it's just  
18 better to protect the larger fish than the  
19 smaller fish.

20 The other question I have is with  
21 the Option 2, so the recreational would have  
22 a season, and the commercial would be all  
23 year? And Option 1, we would have an all  
24 year and all year?



1 MR. MICHELS: (Nodding head.)

2 MR. KING: Okay. So I would like  
3 to have Option 1, but I would like to see a  
4 season for recreational for the same as  
5 Option 2.

6 I mean, they are really only here  
7 from June to September anyway. You don't  
8 really see them in October.

9 We got a lot of guys that are  
10 spearfishing these things that nobody knows  
11 about. You see it when you jump off the boat  
12 and they shoot it.

13 MR. O'NEAL: So I know I'm not  
14 allowed to do another comment. But can I ask  
15 a question and ask the same thing?

16 There was no question period in  
17 between the presentation and the comment  
18 period.

19 MR. MICHELS: If you prefer, we can  
20 close, and I can -- if comments are over, you  
21 can close.

22 MR. LUPINETTI: I was going to make  
23 another comment. (Laughter)

24 (Many people are talking amongst each



1 other from their seats.)

2 MS. NEWMAN: So, yeah, we don't  
3 want to go with a back and forth. Unless you  
4 have something that is pertinent to the  
5 record being open that you would like to  
6 provide your opinion or some type of fact  
7 finding, I would appreciate it if you would  
8 provide those to us in a written form.

9 MR. LUPINETTI: Well, the big thing  
10 is I'm kind of -- there was no -- we couldn't  
11 really ask questions and then make -- because  
12 I've got my question answered, and now I'm  
13 ready to make a decision on what option I  
14 would decide on if I was going to select an  
15 option.

16 MS. NEWMAN: Okay. I got what you  
17 are saying. Go ahead, and you can proceed on  
18 with your comment.

19 MR. LUPINETTI: I would go with  
20 Option 1, but I think that there should be a  
21 season, just like Rich, on recreational and  
22 commercial.

23 MS. NEWMAN: Okay. Thank you. And  
24 can you state your name for the record again?



1 Can you please state your name for the record  
2 again?

3 MR. LUPINETTI: John Lupinetti.

4 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you. I know you  
5 wanted -- go ahead, sir. You hadn't provided  
6 a comment yet.

7 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

8 MS. NEWMAN: Could you state your  
9 name, please?

10 MR. SMITH: Ron Smith. I'm a  
11 recreational fisherman. And I think I would  
12 have to go to Option 1.

13 And my approach is a little  
14 different. I mean, all of this is  
15 hypothetical, since we really do not have  
16 that many fish in the water now, but they are  
17 coming.

18 I think with -- I want to be as  
19 conservative as I can. And with a vessel  
20 limit of one in Option 1, you will have less  
21 boats leaving the dock targeting Cobia,  
22 whereas, if you're permitted three, then it's  
23 possible, if the Cobia are there, you are  
24 going to actually have boats with a number of





1 people going out and targeting them.

2 But as it is with a vessel limit of  
3 only one, then that becomes -- well, if there  
4 is one out there, we will cast to it; but,  
5 otherwise, we are not going to go out and  
6 Cobia fish target, anyway.

7 MR. LUPINETTI: All year?

8 MR. SMITH: And all year. I'm  
9 going to be a little -- I will say it.  
10 Because if there are Cobia here or further  
11 south, when you have Cobia, they are here  
12 later than September 15th.

13 So, and really, to me, um, from the  
14 standpoint of being a recreational fisherman,  
15 I catch and release everything anyway, so the  
16 size of it doesn't make any difference.

17 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Smith.  
18 Mr. O'Neal, because I allowed the others to  
19 provide their opinion after they had their  
20 original question that was answered, did you  
21 have an additional opinion to make or?

22 MR. O'NEAL: Well, given the  
23 questions that have been answered, I would  
24 actually like to change my option, because I



1 have opened my eyes on a couple of different  
2 things that had not been previously touched  
3 on.

4 MS. NEWMAN: That's fine. You can  
5 a go ahead and provide your --

6 MR. O'NEAL: I am now in favor of  
7 option one.

8 MS. NEWMAN: Okay.

9 MR. O'NEAL: So it just -- I guess  
10 if you can add that to the record or correct  
11 the record, so --

12 MS. NEWMAN: Sure.

13 MR. KING: Have a do-over!

14 (Laughter)

15 MR. O'NEAL: Yeah.

16 MS. NEWMAN: Thank you, Mr. O'Neal.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't want  
18 to be the same as the guys in Virginia,  
19 anyway! (Laughter)

20 (Talking in audience from seats -  
21 inaudible)

22 MS. NEWMAN: So, as the Department  
23 has met the hearing protocols, and there are  
24 no further public comments, the record will



1 remain open, again, through March 12, 2020,  
2 to receive additional comments in this  
3 matter, at which time the record will then  
4 close.

5 I would like to thank you all for  
6 your attendance today. And the hearing is  
7 now adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

8 (The proceedings were concluded at 6:53  
9 p.m.)

10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24



1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

CERTIFICATE

I, Lorena J. Hartnett, a Notary Public and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate and complete transcription of the proceeding held at the time and place stated herein, and that the said proceeding was recorded by me and then reduced to typewriting under my direction, and constitutes a true record of the testimony given by said witnesses.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, or attorney of any of the parties or a relative or employee of either counsel, and that I am in no way interested directly or indirectly in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this 28th day of February 2020.



Lorena J. Hartnett  
Registered Professional Reporter

<b>A</b>	<b>American (1)</b> 9:2	<b>aware (1)</b> 6:18	12:17,17 <b>brief (1)</b> 6:4
<b>accept (1)</b> 8:9	<b>amongst (1)</b> 13:24	<b>B</b>	<b>business (2)</b> 8:10,24
<b>According (1)</b> 7:4	<b>anglers (1)</b> 12:12	<b>back (2)</b> 7:2 14:3	<b>C</b>
<b>actually (3)</b> 5:15 15:24 16:24	<b>another (3)</b> 9:21 13:14,23	<b>bear (1)</b> 5:5	<b>call (1)</b> 10:4
<b>add (1)</b> 17:10	<b>answer (1)</b> 10:14	<b>becomes (1)</b> 16:3	<b>case (1)</b> 7:18
<b>additional (2)</b> 16:21 18:2	<b>answered (3)</b> 14:12 16:20,23	<b>Before (1)</b> 4:10	<b>cast (1)</b> 16:4
<b>adjourned (1)</b> 18:7	<b>anyone (1)</b> 9:24	<b>begin (1)</b> 4:10	<b>catch (4)</b> 11:13,19,21 16:15
<b>Admin (1)</b> 3:11	<b>anyway (3)</b> 13:7 16:6,15	<b>being (4)</b> 4:24 5:9 14:5 16:14	<b>caught (2)</b> 11:15,24
<b>Administrative (1)</b> 6:16	<b>anyway! (1)</b> 17:19	<b>believe (1)</b> 9:10	<b>chance (1)</b> 9:14
<b>adopt (3)</b> 7:5,12,16	<b>appear (1)</b> 7:21	<b>best (1)</b> 6:21	<b>change (1)</b> 16:24
<b>after (3)</b> 3:23 4:18 16:19	<b>appointed (1)</b> 3:15	<b>better (1)</b> 12:18	<b>clear (1)</b> 8:1
<b>Again (7)</b> 3:13 4:5 6:7 8:4 14:24 15:2 18:1	<b>appreciate (1)</b> 14:7	<b>between (1)</b> 13:17	<b>clearly (1)</b> 8:2
<b>ahead (3)</b> 14:17 15:5 17:5	<b>approach (1)</b> 15:13	<b>big (1)</b> 14:9	<b>close (5)</b> 5:1 8:10 13:20,21 18:4
<b>allow (3)</b> 3:1,17 5:24	<b>approved (1)</b> 6:24	<b>biomass (1)</b> 6:19	<b>Cobia (17)</b> 3:12 4:4 6:9,19 7:2, 6,8,10 9:14 10:13,17, 19 15:21,23 16:6,10, 11
<b>allowed (2)</b> 13:14 16:18	<b>ASMFC (2)</b> 6:24 9:9	<b>bit (1)</b> 8:1	<b>Code (2)</b> 3:11 6:17
<b>almost (1)</b> 12:17	<b>ASMFC's (1)</b> 9:5	<b>board (1)</b> 9:2	<b>coming (1)</b> 15:17
<b>also (1)</b> 8:6	<b>Association (1)</b> 9:3	<b>boat (1)</b> 13:11	<b>comment (19)</b> 3:10 4:6,7 5:3 7:24
<b>although (1)</b> 7:9	<b>Atlantic (1)</b> 7:1	<b>boats (2)</b> 15:21,24	
<b>Amendments (1)</b> 3:10	<b>attendance (1)</b> 18:6	<b>both (1)</b> 7:20	
	<b>audience (1)</b> 17:20	<b>breeders (2)</b>	

8:3,5,10,17,20 10:2, 12 11:2 12:7 13:14,17, 23 14:18 15:6 <b>comments (7)</b> 4:2,16,17 8:7 13:20 17:24 18:2 <b>commercial (7)</b> 7:8 10:13 11:11,12, 16 12:22 14:22 <b>commercially (1)</b> 11:18 <b>concern (1)</b> 9:6 <b>concluded (1)</b> 18:8 <b>concludes (1)</b> 8:13 <b>conservative (1)</b> 15:19 <b>conservatively (1)</b> 9:4 <b>considerably (1)</b> 9:7 <b>considered (1)</b> 5:6 <b>consisting (1)</b> 4:15 <b>containing (1)</b> 4:21 <b>Control (1)</b> 3:9 <b>correct (3)</b> 11:12,16 17:10 <b>correction (1)</b> 5:13 <b>could (5)</b> 11:7,11,12,14 15:8 <b>couldn't (1)</b> 14:10 <b>couple (1)</b>	17:1 <b>criteria (1)</b> 11:14  <b>D</b>  <b>days (1)</b> 5:1 <b>DE (3)</b> 3:11 7:13,14 <b>deals (1)</b> 8:24 <b>decades (1)</b> 6:20 <b>decide (1)</b> 14:14 <b>decision (5)</b> 4:12,13,21 5:7 14:13 <b>declined (1)</b> 6:20 <b>Delaware (8)</b> 6:16 7:4,7,11 9:1,1, 14 10:13 <b>Delaware's (1)</b> 3:7 <b>Department (5)</b> 3:8 4:13 8:9,16 17:22 <b>Department's (2)</b> 3:23 6:2 <b>depend (1)</b> 10:12 <b>determine (1)</b> 6:21 <b>difference (1)</b> 16:16 <b>different (2)</b> 15:14 17:1 <b>directed (1)</b>	10:17 <b>Division (2)</b> 5:11,19 <b>dock (1)</b> 15:21 <b>done (1)</b> 6:14 <b>do-over! (1)</b> 17:13 <b>draft (1)</b> 7:19  <b>E</b>  <b>each (2)</b> 4:5 13:24 <b>efforts (1)</b> 9:6 <b>either (1)</b> 7:12 <b>either/or (1)</b> 7:21 <b>else (1)</b> 9:24 <b>end (2)</b> 9:7,21 <b>ended (1)</b> 9:8 <b>ending (1)</b> 9:20 <b>Environmental (1)</b> 3:9 <b>equally (1)</b> 5:6 <b>estimated (1)</b> 7:9 <b>everybody (1)</b> 6:8 <b>everything (1)</b> 16:15	<b>exact (1)</b> 5:5 <b>exhibits (4)</b> 4:18 5:19,24 6:2 <b>expect (1)</b> 6:12 <b>eyes (1)</b> 17:1  <b>F</b>  <b>fact (2)</b> 12:9 14:6 <b>favor (1)</b> 17:6 <b>February (1)</b> 3:3 <b>final (1)</b> 5:7 <b>finding (1)</b> 14:7 <b>fine (1)</b> 17:4 <b>Finfish (1)</b> 3:11 <b>First (2)</b> 8:22 11:8 <b>Fish (10)</b> 5:11 9:16,19 12:11, 13,16,18,19 15:16 16:6 <b>fisheries (1)</b> 9:1 <b>fisherman (2)</b> 15:11 16:14 <b>Fishery (3)</b> 7:1 10:13,17 <b>fishing (2)</b> 7:16 9:6 <b>fit (1)</b>
---	--	---	---

11:13	12:14 13:9 17:18	<b>issue (1)</b>	<b>later (1)</b>
<b>floor (1)</b>	<b>H</b>	4:20	16:12
8:17		<b>J</b>	<b>Laughter (6)</b>
<b>form (1)</b>	<b>hammering (1)</b>		6:12,14 10:15
14:8	12:15	<b>John (2)</b>	13:23 17:14,19
<b>formal (3)</b>	<b>hand (3)</b>	11:9 15:3	<b>lays (1)</b>
3:6,16,20	5:9 10:3 11:1	<b>jump (1)</b>	8:2
<b>forms (1)</b>	<b>happen (1)</b>	13:11	<b>leave (1)</b>
8:8	11:19	<b>June (1)</b>	7:24
<b>forth (1)</b>	<b>head (1)</b>	13:7	<b>leaving (1)</b>
14:3	13:1	<b>K</b>	15:21
<b>further (3)</b>	<b>hearing (11)</b>		<b>less (1)</b>
8:16 16:10 17:24	3:6,15,19,20 4:2,18, 24 5:2 8:20 17:23 18:6	<b>keep (4)</b>	15:20
<b>G</b>	<b>hearings (1)</b>	4:1 8:18 9:16 12:3	<b>license (1)</b>
	3:4	<b>kill (1)</b>	11:16
<b>Garvin (1)</b>	<b>hook (4)</b>	12:11	<b>limit (3)</b>
3:14	9:16 11:13,15,21	<b>kind (1)</b>	9:13 15:20 16:2
<b>gear (1)</b>	<b>However (2)</b>	14:10	<b>line (3)</b>
11:18	6:20 10:2	<b>KING (9)</b>	11:13,15,22
<b>generated (1)</b>	<b>hypothetical (1)</b>	10:5,11,20,23,23	<b>little (3)</b>
4:24	15:15	12:8,8 13:2 17:13	8:1 15:13 16:9
<b>gill (1)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>knows (1)</b>	<b>looking (1)</b>
11:24		13:10	12:10
<b>given (5)</b>	<b>important (1)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>lot (2)</b>
3:22 4:16 6:1 9:9			9:8 13:9
16:22	<b>impressed (1)</b>	<b>laid (1)</b>	<b>LUPINETTI (13)</b>
<b>going (10)</b>	6:9		11:3,5,9,9,20 12:2, 6 13:22 14:9,19 15:3, 3 16:7
7:23 9:15,20 10:12	<b>inaudible (2)</b>	<b>land (1)</b>	<b>M</b>
13:22 14:14 15:24	9:2 17:21	9:16	
16:1,5,9	<b>inches (1)</b>	<b>landing (1)</b>	<b>made (2)</b>
<b>granted (1)</b>	9:17	10:18	4:12,13
4:5	<b>include (1)</b>	<b>landings (3)</b>	<b>make (7)</b>
<b>Great (1)</b>	3:12	7:8,9,15	6:4 9:19 13:22
5:21	<b>increase (1)</b>	<b>larger (2)</b>	14:11,13 16:16,21
<b>group (1)</b>	9:5	12:11,18	<b>making (1)</b>
7:2	<b>Interstate (1)</b>	<b>last (2)</b>	5:7
<b>guess (3)</b>	6:24	8:4 12:14	<b>manage (1)</b>
11:6,10 17:9			
<b>guys (3)</b>			

9:4 <b>managed (1)</b> 9:9 <b>Management (2)</b> 7:1,5 <b>Many (2)</b> 13:24 15:16 <b>March (4)</b> 5:2,4 8:11 18:1 <b>marked (2)</b> 4:8 10:1 <b>matter (7)</b> 4:2 5:1,8,22 6:5 8:20 18:3 <b>may (2)</b> 10:7,14 <b>me! (1)</b> 6:14 <b>mean (4)</b> 11:21,23 13:6 15:14 <b>meaning (1)</b> 7:15 <b>measures (3)</b> 7:5,13,14 <b>member (1)</b> 9:2 <b>mentioned (1)</b> 8:12 <b>met (1)</b> 17:23 <b>Michels (14)</b> 5:10,12,17,22 6:3,7, 13 10:14,16 11:17,23 12:4 13:1,19 <b>migratory (1)</b> 7:2 <b>mind (2)</b> 4:1 8:18 <b>minimis (2)</b> 7:13,14	<b>minor (2)</b> 5:13 7:15 <b>minutes (1)</b> 4:6 <b>more (3)</b> 8:1,2 9:18 <b>most (1)</b> 6:17 <b>much (1)</b> 5:12 <b>must (1)</b> 7:5  <b>N</b>  <b>name (6)</b> 3:13 10:22 11:8 14:24 15:1,9 <b>Natural (1)</b> 3:8 <b>nearest (1)</b> 7:17 <b>neighbor (1)</b> 7:17 <b>net (1)</b> 12:1 <b>new (1)</b> 6:16 <b>NEWMAN (26)</b> 3:1,14 5:16,21,23 6:6 8:15 9:23 10:7,15, 21,24 11:4,7 12:5 14:2,16,23 15:4,8 16:17 17:4,8,12,16,22 <b>night (1)</b> 6:11 <b>nobody (1)</b> 13:10 <b>Nodding (1)</b> 13:1	<b>non-de-minimis (1)</b> 7:17 <b>nor (1)</b> 4:13 <b>note (1)</b> 4:11 <b>nothing (1)</b> 10:17 <b>November (1)</b> 7:2 <b>number (1)</b> 15:24  <b>O</b>  <b>occasion (1)</b> 7:10 <b>occurring (1)</b> 6:22 <b>October (1)</b> 13:8 <b>off (1)</b> 13:11 <b>offer (2)</b> 4:6 5:20 <b>offered (1)</b> 5:3 <b>officer (1)</b> 3:15 <b>one (8)</b> 5:13 7:22 8:4,7 15:20 16:3,4 17:7 <b>O'Neal (11)</b> 8:22,23,23 9:23 13:13 16:18,22 17:6,9, 15,16 <b>ones (1)</b> 12:13 <b>only (3)</b> 8:21 13:6 16:3	<b>open (3)</b> 8:17 14:5 18:1 <b>opened (1)</b> 17:1 <b>opinion (3)</b> 14:6 16:19,21 <b>opportunity (1)</b> 3:23 <b>Option (15)</b> 7:12 9:12 12:9,10, 21,23 13:3,5 14:13,15, 20 15:12,20 16:24 17:7 <b>options (4)</b> 7:11,16,20 8:2 <b>order (1)</b> 4:21 <b>original (1)</b> 16:20 <b>other (5)</b> 7:22 8:7 9:9 12:20 14:1 <b>others (2)</b> 12:6 16:18 <b>otherwise (1)</b> 16:5 <b>out (5)</b> 7:20 8:2 16:1,4,5 <b>over (4)</b> 5:10 6:20 9:16 13:20 <b>overfished (2)</b> 6:22 9:10 <b>overfishing (2)</b> 6:22 9:21 <b>owner (1)</b> 8:24  <b>P</b>
--	---	---	---



<b>part (1)</b> 4:8	<b>preceding (1)</b> 3:19	3:9 8:9,17 17:24	7:9 12:12,21 13:4
<b>past (1)</b> 6:20	<b>prefer (1)</b> 13:19	<b>put (1)</b> 6:10	14:21 15:11 16:14
<b>people (2)</b> 13:24 16:1	<b>present (1)</b> 5:10	<b>Q</b>	<b>recreationally (1)</b> 12:11
<b>period (2)</b> 13:16,18	<b>presentation (5)</b> 3:24 4:10 6:4 8:14	<b>question (10)</b> 10:8,11 11:6,6,10 12:20 13:15,16 14:12 16:20	<b>referred (1)</b> 7:13
<b>permitted (1)</b> 15:22	<b>pretty (1)</b> 9:17	<b>questions (3)</b> 10:5 14:11 16:23	<b>reflect (3)</b> 3:2,17 5:24
<b>person (1)</b> 4:5	<b>previously (3)</b> 3:18 8:11 17:2	<b>quick (1)</b> 3:21	<b>regarding (1)</b> 6:4
<b>persons (1)</b> 3:21	<b>prior (3)</b> 4:17 5:4,7	<b>quite (1)</b> 5:17	<b>Regulation (3)</b> 3:12 4:4 7:19
<b>pertain (1)</b> 8:20	<b>probably (1)</b> 9:17	<b>R</b>	<b>regulations (2)</b> 4:22 6:18
<b>pertinent (1)</b> 14:4	<b>proceed (1)</b> 14:17	<b>raise (1)</b> 10:3	<b>Regulatory (1)</b> 3:10
<b>place (3)</b> 3:20 6:18 8:19	<b>proceeding (1)</b> 3:16	<b>raising (1)</b> 9:5	<b>related (1)</b> 4:3
<b>placed (1)</b> 11:1	<b>proceedings (1)</b> 18:8	<b>rare (1)</b> 9:17	<b>release (1)</b> 16:15
<b>Plan (2)</b> 7:1,4	<b>prohibit (1)</b> 10:18	<b>ready (1)</b> 14:13	<b>remain (1)</b> 18:1
<b>platform (1)</b> 3:7	<b>Proposed (4)</b> 3:10,12 4:4,22	<b>really (7)</b> 6:8,8 13:6,8 14:11 15:15 16:13	<b>remarks (1)</b> 8:16
<b>Please (11)</b> 3:1,17 4:1,7 5:23 6:6 8:18 10:3 11:8 15:1,9	<b>proposing (1)</b> 6:15	<b>reasons (1)</b> 4:22	<b>reminder (1)</b> 3:21
<b>pleases (1)</b> 6:5	<b>protect (1)</b> 12:18	<b>receive (3)</b> 3:9 10:8 18:2	<b>report (1)</b> 4:19
<b>pm (2)</b> 18:7,9	<b>protocols (2)</b> 3:18 17:23	<b>record (17)</b> 3:2,13,17 4:9,11,15, 24 5:20,24 10:22 14:5, 24 15:1 17:10,11,24 18:3	<b>reported (1)</b> 7:7
<b>possible (1)</b> 15:23	<b>provide (10)</b> 3:6 4:7 8:3 10:2 11:2 12:7 14:6,8	<b>recreational (7)</b>	<b>Resources (1)</b> 3:8
<b>potential (1)</b> 9:5	<b>provided (3)</b> 4:3 10:9 15:5		<b>response (2)</b> 10:8,9
<b>precautionary (1)</b> 7:5	<b>public (4)</b>		<b>reviewed (1)</b> 4:19
			<b>Rich (3)</b> 10:23 12:8 14:21
			<b>right (4)</b> 5:18 6:13,17 12:12

<p><b>righty (1)</b> 6:7</p> <p><b>rise (1)</b> 9:6</p> <p><b>Ron (1)</b> 15:10</p>	<p><b>serve (1)</b> 3:15</p> <p><b>set (1)</b> 8:19</p> <p><b>shall (2)</b> 4:3 8:20</p>	<p><b>standpoint (1)</b> 16:14</p> <p><b>State (7)</b> 3:7 7:14 10:21 11:7 14:24 15:1,8</p> <p><b>stated (1)</b> 3:19</p> <p><b>status (1)</b> 9:11</p> <p><b>Stewart (2)</b> 5:10 6:1</p> <p><b>still (1)</b> 3:19</p> <p><b>stock (1)</b> 6:21</p> <p><b>stocks (1)</b> 9:9</p> <p><b>strictly (1)</b> 4:3</p> <p><b>striper (1)</b> 6:11</p> <p><b>submitted (2)</b> 4:17 5:4</p> <p><b>supply (1)</b> 8:6</p> <p><b>sure (5)</b> 9:19 10:15 12:4,4 17:12</p>	<p>14:1 16:19,19</p> <p><b>there (15)</b> 4:12 7:20 8:18 9:13 10:17 11:21 12:6 13:16 14:10,20 15:23 16:3,4,10 17:23</p> <p><b>therefore (1)</b> 4:23</p> <p><b>Theresa (2)</b> 3:14 5:13</p> <p><b>they (10)</b> 7:21 10:1 11:22,24 12:2 13:6,12 15:16 16:11,19</p> <p><b>thing (2)</b> 13:15 14:9</p> <p><b>things (3)</b> 12:15 13:10 17:2</p> <p><b>think (6)</b> 5:13 8:1 9:18 14:20 15:11,18</p> <p><b>though (1)</b> 7:23</p> <p><b>three (4)</b> 4:6 9:15,16 15:22</p> <p><b>three-minute (1)</b> 8:19</p> <p><b>Thursday (1)</b> 8:11</p> <p><b>Tidal (1)</b> 3:11</p> <p><b>timer (1)</b> 8:19</p> <p><b>today (1)</b> 18:6</p> <p><b>ton (1)</b> 9:13</p> <p><b>tonight (8)</b> 3:5,20,22 4:14,17 5:4 8:6 10:9</p>
<b>S</b>	<p><b>shoot (1)</b> 13:12</p> <p><b>shots (1)</b> 9:15</p> <p><b>signed (1)</b> 10:1</p> <p><b>simplicity (1)</b> 7:23</p> <p><b>situation (2)</b> 9:8,20</p> <p><b>size (1)</b> 16:16</p> <p><b>small (1)</b> 8:24</p> <p><b>smaller (2)</b> 12:16,19</p> <p><b>SMITH (5)</b> 15:7,10,10 16:8,17</p> <p><b>someone (1)</b> 10:18</p> <p><b>something (1)</b> 14:4</p> <p><b>sorry (2)</b> 5:16 10:22</p> <p><b>south (1)</b> 16:11</p> <p><b>speak (1)</b> 3:22</p> <p><b>SPEAKER (2)</b> 6:10 17:17</p> <p><b>spearfishing (1)</b> 13:10</p> <p><b>species (1)</b> 9:21</p>	<b>T</b>	
<p><b>said (2)</b> 5:9,14</p> <p><b>same (5)</b> 5:5 6:11 13:4,15 17:18</p> <p><b>save (1)</b> 9:18</p> <p><b>saw (1)</b> 11:1</p> <p><b>saying (1)</b> 14:17</p> <p><b>scheduled (1)</b> 3:5</p> <p><b>season (3)</b> 12:22 13:4 14:21</p> <p><b>seats (2)</b> 14:1 17:20</p> <p><b>second (1)</b> 3:4</p> <p><b>Secretary (4)</b> 3:14 4:19,20 5:7</p> <p><b>section (1)</b> 6:16</p> <p><b>select (2)</b> 7:22 14:14</p> <p><b>sell (2)</b> 11:14,22</p> <p><b>separate (1)</b> 4:2</p> <p><b>September (2)</b> 13:7 16:12</p>			

<b>tonight's (2)</b> 3:16 5:2	11:18	3:22	3:3
<b>total (1)</b> 4:6	<b>V</b>	<b>writing (3)</b> 5:5 8:6,7	<b>26 (1)</b> 9:10
<b>touched (1)</b> 17:2	<b>various (1)</b> 8:8	<b>written (3)</b> 4:7,17 14:8	<b>3</b>
<b>transcript (1)</b> 4:16	<b>Verbal (2)</b> 4:2,16	<b>Y</b>	<b>3500 (1)</b> 3:11
<b>turnout (1)</b> 6:9	<b>verbally (2)</b> 5:4 8:5	<b>year (6)</b> 12:14,23,24,24	<b>3550 (2)</b> 3:12 4:4
<b>two (5)</b> 3:4 6:20 7:11 8:2 10:5	<b>verbatim (1)</b> 4:16	16:7,8	<b>4</b>
<b>Tyler (2)</b> 8:22,23	<b>vessel (3)</b> 9:15 15:19 16:2	<b>1</b>	<b>40 (1)</b> 9:16
<b>type (1)</b> 14:6	<b>Virginia (2)</b> 7:18 17:18	<b>1 (9)</b> 5:24 6:2 7:12 12:9, 23 13:3 14:20 15:12, 20	<b>40-inch (1)</b> 9:13
<b>U</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>12 (3)</b> 5:2 8:11 18:1	<b>6</b>
<b>ultimately (1)</b> 4:20	<b>wanted (2)</b> 10:1 15:5	<b>12th (1)</b> 5:5	<b>6:04 (2)</b> 3:2 5:14
<b>um (1)</b> 16:13	<b>water (1)</b> 15:16	<b>14 (3)</b> 5:19 6:1,2	<b>6:40 (1)</b> 5:15
<b>under (1)</b> 9:9	<b>waters (1)</b> 9:14	<b>15 (1)</b> 5:1	<b>6:53 (2)</b> 18:7,8
<b>Unfortunately (1)</b> 6:19	<b>way (1)</b> 7:2	<b>15th (1)</b> 16:12	<b>7</b>
<b>UNIDENTIFIED (2)</b> 6:10 17:17	<b>Wednesday (1)</b> 3:3	<b>17 (1)</b> 9:10	<b>7 (1)</b> 3:11
<b>unknown (1)</b> 9:11	<b>weight (1)</b> 5:6	<b>2</b>	
<b>Unless (1)</b> 14:3	<b>whacking (1)</b> 12:13	<b>2 (4)</b> 9:12 12:10,21 13:5	
<b>up (8)</b> 7:24 8:17,22 9:7,8, 20,21 11:1	<b>whatever (1)</b> 11:22	<b>2017 (1)</b> 7:3	
<b>upon (2)</b> 10:4,12	<b>whereas (1)</b> 15:22	<b>2020 (4)</b> 3:3 5:2 8:11 18:1	
<b>using (1)</b>	<b>Wildlife (1)</b> 5:11	<b>25 (1)</b>	
	<b>wishing (1)</b>		