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Subject: New surf fishing regulations

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

The proposed new surf fishing regulations that impose bans on "paddling bait" and other methods to allow anglers to reach further distances severely limit the ability to practice the hobby. Additionally, there is no proof of it being a safety hazard. This seems to be an overreach by the DNREC with no backup to justify its imposition. Most anglers that are deploying these methods are doing so during off-peak hours anyway, so the "safety concern" is moot.

Please don't destroy Delaware's reputation of being a surf fishing friendly state. As a family of an adjacent state, we visit Delaware multiple times a year for vacation and surf fishing. We contribute greatly to the economy, but we will take those resources to different location if these unreasonable restrictions are imposed.

Sincerely,
Brian

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