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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I recently read new proposals related to the possession of a commercial fishing license. I do not believe that these changes help the commercial fishing industry or the commercial fishing certificate holder. There are many instances where they would do harm to the license holder; particularly, in situations where the holder is trying to supplement his/her income. Many of these people need the supplemental income to maintain their quality of life. They will not be able to exist on a recreational/commercial license. I strongly object to any changes in the status of commercial fishing license holders!

It is interesting that the Fisheries Commission members see these changes that would eliminate several thousand commercial fishing licenses to be beneficial. No harm is created by the present system, in contrast to the proposed system.

I also do not believe that the NC Marine Fisheries Commission has any authority to make or discuss decisions on behalf of commercial fishing license holders that are not presented in a public forum. The decisions and discussions made behind closed doors are not legal. Those engaged in such conversations should be removed from the commission.

Yours truly,



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