

IPHC Regulations Proposal Submission Form

Proposal Title: Commercial Size Limit Reduction

Year Proposed For: 2008

Submission Information (Please print or type)

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1. What is the definition and objective of the proposal? To access more of the unexploitable bio-mass by reducing the size limit by 5cm or 2 in in order to harvest the huge populations of under-sized males that science says will never reach the current exploitable size limit.

2. Impacts: Describe who you think this proposed change might affect (include fishers, processors, agencies, and the public).

2a. Who might benefit from the proposed change?

- Increase TAC to commercial/recreational fishers.
- Promote & facilitate a more vigorous live sales market.
- Encourage more off boat sales to the public.

2b. Who might suffer hardships or be worse off?

- Possibly the processors who are only into a fillet market.

3. Are there other solutions to the problem described above? If so, why were they rejected?

Historically the size limit was smaller. It was increased to discourage the troll fishery from intercepting a large portion of the long-line TAC. This no longer is an issue as the vessels are now on IVQ's.

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by **November 15, 2007** will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. **Remember to include contact information and signature.**