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Hi,

Among other things I'm a lawyer who represents a number of fisherman and they have come to me with concerns. They are not voicing them directly because they are concerned about repercussions from Enforcement.

I realize that from a political standpoint we are all in a tough spot, and a bunch of people who are just trying to make a living fishing are afraid.

One reason is that Enforcement is taking positions with respect to lost gear, that is inconsistent with its positions in the past. As everyone is aware, all crab fishermen lose gear whether it is because of high seas, currents, thieves, whales, other boats, kelp, floating debris, etc. crab gear does get lost.

We are all in agreement that no one wants crab gear to get lost. For the fishermen it is simply bad business. The pots cost money and lost pots are not productive. No one wants to harm whales.

My point is that fishermen are doing their best to get all of their gear out of the water but the reality is that there will be some lost pots that are remaining.

It is the hope of the fishing community that fishermen who lose pots, will be given some consideration, as opposed to being treated as violators.

Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter and if you can pass this on, it will be appreciated.

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