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Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources
Chair, Ocean Protection Council
California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for Funding of Market Squid Fishery Management Review

Dear Secretary Crowfoot:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) supports the authorization of funding by the Ocean Protection Council (Council) to the Resource Legacy Fund (RLF) for facilitation of a California market squid fishery advisory committee (SFAC) and enhanced population genomics research.

The market squid fishery is routinely the largest fishery in California both in terms value and volume landed. In 2021 the fishery accounted for more than \$60 million in revenue and nearly 100 million pounds (66% of all landings to California ports). Market squid experience rapid population fluctuations driven by oceanographic changes. The impacts of these shifts on fishing communities and marine ecosystems have accelerated the need to review the existing Fishery Management Plan and long-term datasets to increase the climate-resiliency of the fishery. Council funding for facilitation and squid population genomics research will support the Department to develop climate-ready management strategies and modernize data collection.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Ugoretz, Pelagic Fisheries and Ecosystem Program Manager, at (562) 338-3068 or by email at John.Ugoretz@Wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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