

To the Mendocino County Board Of Supervisors,

As you probably know, the California Commission on Fish and Wildlife approved on April 15 2020, by emergency action, an order that allows the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to suspend, delay, or restrict sport/recreational fishing in specific areas within the state due to public health concerns relating to COVID-19. This regulation would automatically expire May 31, 2020.

The regulation now allows for a temporary, adaptive approach to delay or restrict sport fishing based on local government and tribal needs and requests to protect public health and safety from the spread of COVID-19. The regulation itself would not implement any restrictions, but would allow for a tailored approach based on state, federal, tribal and local public health and safety needs and guidance. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has received requests from certain counties.

Salmon, Rockfish and Halibut recreational fishing seasons are slated to open May 1. Given the continued influx of tourists who seemingly walk or drive right through the local shelter-in-place order, I hope and strongly urge Mendocino county leadership to request such protection for our coastline for the duration of this emergency order.

I have attached a link to the order below.

Thank you,

~Kathy Wylie
Resident, 5th District

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