

To Oregon Legislature,

I have been a commercial fisherman in Oregon for 43 years. I have seen ups and downs in this business during my whole career. There have been times when marketing seafood is easy and times when it is difficult.

ODA has had a significant role in the marketing of Oregon's seafood. Sometimes we don't need much help as the economy is good and seafood sells itself. Covid has had a major impact on the marketing of seafood. Right now we need all the help we can get. This is not a good time for cutting marketing budgets.

I served for 12 years on the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission. We also worked side by side with the other seafood commodity commissions to make a good name for Oregon's seafood products and to get them in front of consumers. This year, the marketing budget for the Crab Commission is significant. Since we are not yet , post covid, the commission sees the need to keep Oregon seafood front and center.

The commissions can't do it alone and their partnership with ODA is crucial. ODA needs staff and resources to help in the marketing effort and to get us past this covid slump and add to Oregon's economic stability. As a multiple vessel owner with many families to feed. I urge you to boost up The Agriculture Marketing and Development Program (ADMP) budget during this critical time and let Oregon's seafood industry thrive once again.

Thank you,

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