

Improving Gear Marking in the U.S. West Coast Sablefish Pot Fleet

Comments Submitted in Response to the Workshop Summary Report

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Workshop Report Distribution

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Comment Solicitation Process

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From: [Kory Murphy](#)
To: [Sablefish Workshop](#)
Subject: pot gear and whales
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How about this....if the vessel goes to the dock to offload then the pots go with it. I fish the LEFG fishery and notice that pots get left unattended for a week at a time. Tug and barges and freighters running through them. When we are hook fishing we are almost never more than a few miles from our gear and a few hours from tending it. I think the pot gear being left in the ocean when the vessel is at the dock should be illegal. Just my opinion. Thanks

Kory Murphy

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