

to the senate committee,

it is with sadness that i write this email. i am a fisherman married with three children and i fish at least once a week. of witch 99% of our catch is returned to the water. for seven years i was a professional fishing guide. the over regulation of our industry through green zoneing and other biased seasonal closures has seen me leave the industry unaided by government handouts. i work in the fishing tackle industry and fear the changes to the act will again have adverse affects on my employment.

i do support the life time bans for repete offenders and also giving fisheries officers more power but i find the changing of some of the wording in the proposal to charge anglers with the intent to take fish stupid. you may as well just stop people from going through green zones all together. i have to ask where has the common sense gone in politics we are supposed to be a smarter generation than the last but it seems to me somewhere we got caught up in our own power. anglers all of a sudden have less rights than a theif or rapist, that may seem harse but look through the court records and the rights these criminals have next to what your proposing they don't get convicted for intent they also have the right to iinocent until proven guilty where anglers will not.

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