

**Subject:** Comments on Amendment 2 to HMS FMP

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Hi,

Can you even seriously propose an rule that bans recreational fisherman while permitting commercial fishing? Is that a joke? Commercial boats have ripped up the fishery, destroyed habitat, benefit from smaller size limits and larger creels and your "good idea" is to close the recreational fishery while maintaining the commercial fishery? Your loyalties clearly lie with the commerical fishery, but do you need to be so blatant? Ban everyone or ban nobody.

Jim McWhinney

Fisherman, tax payer, and nearly fed up enough to sell my boat and take up hunting instead

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