

Constitution

SPORTFISHING

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My wife and I are the owners and operators of two passenger sportfishing vessels based out of H&M Landing in San Diego, Ca. We have both worked on many boats for over 37 years and we have immersed ourselves with the everyday tasks to stay in business in California. We have raised two children with a "Fisherman's Salary" and were successful with putting food on the table, sent our children to school and have a good upbringing. Our son Hunter has been the captain of the Poseidon since the age of 19. We have seen some of the best and toughest seasons, but we have always managed to get by. Sportfishing has been carved into our family and on our days off we go sportfishing. The Constitution was re-powered with 2-tier 3 Scania motors, and 2-30kw Onan tier 3 generators 6 years ago. Our vessels are continuously connected to shore power 8 months out of every year and primarily doing maintenance. The vessel's generators are turned on for 30 minutes before every trip and when we board passengers, load bait and literally spend less than 4 hours in California waters running out and 3 hours running back on average. The 7 hours we are in operation we don't feel our operation makes any pollution to the environment of any degree to require machinery that would need to be replaced. Our 2 vessels are constructed of fiberglass and wood and to ask us to rebuild our vessels would cost us \$4-5 Million dollars each, 8-15 years to build and with the lack of shipyards, labor and materials available, it would be impossible to be in business if the entire fleet needed to get re-powered and rebuild even with funding from the State and Federal government. We employ 15 hard working individuals and to ask us to come up with \$5 Million dollars to rebuild our two boats would be impossible. Given the state of Covid and hardship our family has been put into, we are happy to keep the 15 Family's, Shipyards, Fish processors, Landing, Bait Concession, Fuel Docks, Food Markets, Marine Part Companies, Electronic companies, CA Fish & Game, local restaurants and hotels, all the marine motor, electrical and air conditioning companies paid year round.

We are hoping CARB will continue to classify our vessels the same way commercial, whale watching has been doing it for many years and to continue to provide motors to the fleet as they become more reliable and safe for our passengers.

If CARB chooses to require us to rebuild new boats we will no longer be in business.

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