

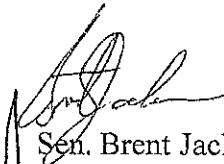
Neither the underlying statute nor your March 2015 grant of authority could have intended to permit the MFC to prohibit particular commercial fishing gear when the existing FMP imposes no such prohibition. Such a significant policy choice must be made by the General Assembly or the MFC using the fair and open process specified by G.S. §113-182.1.

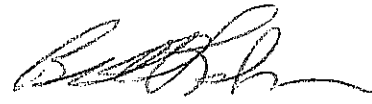
We stand with you in addressing this complicated issue but call on you to rescind immediately the authority granted to the MFC. We believe this step will allow all stakeholders, including the MFC itself, to return to the table and ensure the long-term prosperity of both our fishing stocks and our fishing fleets.


Thank you for your attention to this matter and your service to the State of North Carolina.

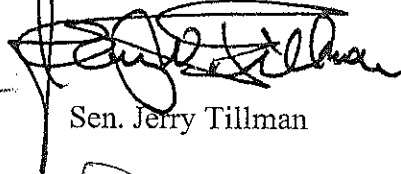
Sincerely,

  
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Sen. Brent Jackson

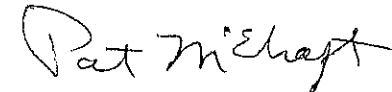
  
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