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Dear Mr. White:

This letter is to let you know the results of the Department's consideration of your petition requesting the WDFW Commission "remove the rule in WAC 220-311-030 that prohibits use of barbed hooks in marine areas of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca."

On August 10, 2024 the Fish & Wildlife Commission met and delegated decision making authority for petitions to me as the Director. A written summary sheet was provided to me, and department staff explained why they recommended that the petition be denied. I agree with the recommendations contained in the summary sheet, and I am hereby denying this petition. A copy of the summary sheet is included with this letter.

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward and proposing solutions through the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Susewind".

Kelly Susewind
Director

cc: Fish and Wildlife Commission
Kelly Cunningham, Fish Program Director
Joe Panesko, Assistant Attorney General