

Hi, my name is – am I close enough to the microphone? My name is Fred Dockery. I'm a commercial shrimper from Charleston, South Carolina. I'm on the Shrimp Advisory Panel. And I'm really here on behalf of two other shrimp boats from Charleston. They have larger boats that could participate in the Rock Shrimp Fishery.

One in particular is the *Haley Marie*, owned by Neil Cooksey. I think it's actually listed as being owned by Miss Marie, Inc. because I did have to research what was going on with their permit. They, like many people, were confused about what permit they had and didn't have. They thought that they had had a Rock Shrimp endorsement and had lost it for lack of landings. From what I was able to track down, they have had and currently have a Rock Shrimp permit but have never had the endorsement.

That said my comment would be that I understand that there is an interest in getting some – a sufficient number of boats in the fishery to sustain the fishery. There are a couple of boats, that I'm aware of, that would not get back in with this pending proposal because they never had the endorsement. And they may have not had it out of confusion. I don't really know.

So I would say that it would be nice to consider at least the possibility – if you don't think you're going to get enough boats back in to look at letting boats in that have had the permit but did not ever get the endorsement – to consider that possibility of letting them in. Neil has not said that he would go Rock Shrimping if he got it, but he certainly has an 82 foot with a freezer on it that could do it if it were viable.

I also noticed, when looking through the big book, that there was at least one permit. And actually after speaking to Myra it sounds like it's seven or eight that are assigned to very small boats that clearly would never go out Rock Shrimping. So letting them back in wouldn't put any more effort into the fishery.

So that's the extent of my comment. Otherwise I'm a – I think the changes are reasonable. I just thought I'd try to do my little duty to say that there are a couple of boats that are – that would be good for it and would not get back in as this stands. And maybe you could consider some other alternatives like the lottery, too.

So I – the other boat that I'm thinking of is the Bachman Enterprise and I left a copy of the package with Junior Bachman but I did not hear back from him so I don't know if he has the

Rock Shrimp permit or if he ever did. But that boat is certainly built for Rock Shrimping. It draws too much water really for shrimping around here.

That's it. That's all I have. Thank you for all your work.