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Tom O'Connell  
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Dear Tom O'Connell and Members of the Sport Fish Advisory Commission

The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) would like to request the Department and Sport Fish Advisory Commission (SFAC) discuss the newly enacted regulation limiting recreational anglers to 3 rods per person, and begin the process to rescind this regulation. We would request this be added the January 28<sup>th</sup> SFAC meeting agenda.

The MSSA strongly opposes this regulation as it would negatively impact recreational anglers and the industries they support. Thousands of recreational anglers rely on trolling for a chance to catch not only striped bass, but numerous other species of fish. Trolling is a popular method of fishing and limiting the number of rods to 3 per person will potentially discourage anglers from buying licenses and getting out on the water.

The MSSA would like to thank you in advance for your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

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