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Steve Lumsden  
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**RE: "Semi-Barbless Grabber Hooks" from AnglerInnovations**

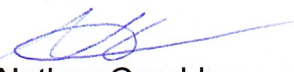
Dear Mr. Lumsden:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the hooks referenced above. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 1.19 defines a barbless hook as a "fish hook from which the barb or barbs have been removed or completely bent closed, or which is manufactured without barbs." Based upon our examination of the samples of "semi-barbless" hooks you sent the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), we have concluded these hooks fall within the definition of barbless hooks because they were manufactured without barbs.

While the Department can neither recommend nor endorse your product, we suggest that you consider marketing your hooks as barbless, rather than "semi-barbless" in order to lessen the potential for confusion regarding this issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 651-7818 if I can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Nathan Goedde  
Senior Staff Counsel