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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics &amp; Sociology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJAEES_110563</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Small-scale Fisher Households in Kerala State</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> The manuscript is important in terms of generating new information on a recent pandemic (COVID-19) and how it affected small-scale fisher households that are usually marginalized and poor. There are several comments and edits (in track changes of the reviewed manuscript attached) that I have provided in the reviewed manuscript for the Author to consider in revising the manuscript. It would be important for the author to state that COVID-19 exacerbated a rather precarious situation that was facing challenges related to climate change, high fishing costs and frequent weather warnings (although these may not have been part of the research aim).</p> <p><b>Yes.</b> The article can do with the title indicated. But I may suggest "<b>Socio-economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Small-scale Fisher Households in Kerala State</b>" since it goes beyond economic to social issues (consumption, indebtedness, relief support).</p> <p><b>Yes.</b> But needs revising to reduce the words to less than 300 as per the author's guidelines for this journal. I have suggested some changes in the track changes of the reviewed manuscript (attached).</p> <p><b>Yes.</b> Subsections and structure look appropriate. I have suggested some changes to consider for the Materials and methods section.</p> <p><b>Yes/No. Yes</b> because the author did the survey and wishes to report on findings that have implications for policy to help marginalized fisher households. <b>No</b> because the author does not clearly show how the data was analysed for scientific discussion and conclusion to be reached. This is needed in the manuscript for reproducibility and strength of the empirical evidence. Some rework is needed to strengthen the methods section of the manuscript.</p> <p><b>Partly sufficient but very few (only 14).</b> I suggest the following readings: 1. doi: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-91307-2.00005-5">10.1016/B978-0-323-91307-2.00005-5</a> 2. <a href="https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-13769-280101">https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-13769-280101</a> 3. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2021.104803">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2021.104803</a> 4. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qfs.2021.100494">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qfs.2021.100494</a></p> <p><b>Additional suggestions and comments are indicated as track changes in the attached reviewed manuscript for the author to consider.</b></p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>Yes. Additional edits and suggested corrections are in track changes on the reviewed manuscript for the author to consider. However, I was able to follow the communication by the author.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>None.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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