Mr. Lone & Council,

I am aware that the Highly Migratory Species Development Team is currently evaluating longline gear to be used within California’s Exclusive Economic Zone.

The depletion of targeted species combined with the destruction of "bycatch"- waterfowl, turtles, dolphins, and seals is something I am strongly opposed to and I urge you to vote against longlining.

[Signature]

Date: 10/18/00

As of November 25, 2000, a total of 5 identical cards were receive from different individuals. The original cards are on file at the Council office.
Dear Director Treanor,

I'm a member of the salt-water recreational fishing community and I'm extremely concerned that the Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering a proposal to allow drift longlines in the Pacific.

The science surrounding this gear is clear – marine mammal interaction is inevitable, as is by-catch of juvenile and unmarketable species, including endangered sea turtles, pilot whales, marlin, and sea birds. To introduce this fishing practice to the waters of the West Coast would be reckless.

The U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have both recognized longlines for the “dirty” gear they are – and are addressing the reduction of this gear through the legislative process. Drift longlines and drift gill nets have no place in sustainable and historical fisheries.

I urge you to remove drift nets from the water – but do not replace them with an unsustainable longline industry.

(Please Print)

Sincerely,

Name [Signature]

Address [Address]

City [City] State [State] Zip [Zip]

From November 17 to November 25, 2000, a total of 603 identical cards were received from different individuals. The original cards are on file at the Council office.
Subject: Fwd: longlines
Date: Mon, 23 Oct 2000 08:33:00 -0700
From: "PFMC Comments" <pfcmc.comments@noaa.gov>
To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: longlines
Date: Sun, 22 Oct 2000 21:27:48 EDT
From: ILIV4FISH@aol.com
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

dr. mc isaac,

as an underwater photographer, i have seen first hand the
non-selective destruction longlines can inflict on
pelagics.

please say no to longlines.

respectfully submitted,
tim g. simos
Date: 10/24/00
To: Dr. Donald O McIsaac
Fax #: 503 326-6831
Subject: Longlines
Comments: Please vote against allowing longlines into California or anywhere else. They are indiscriminate killers. Look what happened to the Atlantic mackerel and swordfish stocks. Do not study the issue. Just say NO.

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( ) As per our telephone conversation
( ) In accordance with your request
( ) Will call you to review
( ) For your information
( ) Please review and comment
( ) Please sign
( ) For your approval
( ) Original sent via mail
Dear Chairman Sox,

I do not think that the Pacific Fishery
Management Council should consider
any proposal to allow drift longlines
in the Pacific. Drift longlines and drift
gill nets have no place in sustainable
and historical fisheries. I think
drift nets should be removed from
our waters, but not to be replaced
by unsustainable longline industry.
 plutôt let our Oceans rebuild their
resources of all species. I am an
avid salt water fisherman. Richard Chase
Dear James [Name],

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council is considering a proposal to allow drift longlining in the Pacific. As a sportfisher, I think this is not a good idea. It will devastate the wildlife of the sea and diminish the Pacific Coast fishing for our country, Canada, and Alaska.

Substituting drift nets with longliners is not a good idea.

Let's save our seas!

Mrs. [Name]
1903 [Street]
[City], [State] 95748