Chairman Jim Lone  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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I urge you to not only disallow the introduction of new longline gear on the West Coast, but to work to remove drift gillnets as well.

Respectfully,

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I am writing you today in an effort to bring your attention to proposals currently in process that would continue and extend the destructive fishing technique of "longlining" in waters in and around our coastlines. As I'm sure you are well aware, longlining is an indiscriminate "wall of death" which strips our waters of already threatened rockfish, halibut and salmon while also resulting in the destruction of millions of sharks, turtles, birds and dolphins discarded as "bycatch". It is an outdated, heinous practice which has already been banned in Hawaii and Mexico, and one which should not be allowed to flourish, much less expand in our delicate and fragile ecosystems, already pushed to the brink. I am personally outraged that this type of fishing is still allowed in any U.S. waters, much less along our coastlines. We need action to be taken against longlining fishing lobbyists, who fight to continue the raping of our coastlines for short term profits. Once the longliners set up operations, they fill the waters with enough baited lines to scour the area clean, and then move on, leaving destruction, death and an ocean desert behind.

I live in Alameda, CA, right on the San Francisco Bay, and I've seen firsthand the degradation and destruction of habitat and local fisheries over the past 20 years. I've also witnessed the incredible healing powers Nature has, and seen the tremendous comeback of salmon, halibut and anchovies in the local waters due simply to the restriction of commercial fishing within several miles of coastline. I've got two young boys and another child on the way, and I don't want to have to explain to them that their Bay used to be a healthy, vibrant breeding ground and nursery for a multitude of fish, bird and animal species, but that we threw it all away by making bad choices early in the 21st century. Please show some leadership, some vision, and some common sense and protect our resources and our future by seeing to it that the longlining industry is stopped in its tracks. Please ensure that my children's kids will have the same opportunity to catch and release a magnificent wild fish in their own local waters, and fight to preserve the last vestiges of wilderness we have left. Do the just and proper thing and stop the destructive practice of longlining- you've been entrusted with the responsibility to preserve our resources, so on your watch, put an end to the raping and pillaging of our coastal fisheries and wildlife- my children and theirs thank you.

Sincerely,

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I urge you to discontinue any fishing methods that do not selectively target
certain species. Longlines are one of these methods. Please preserve these
valuable resources for future generations.

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