



April 21, 2008

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Ste. 101
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Members of the Council,

In addition to the letter of comment dated April 7, 2008, I would like to submit the following:

1. "Davidson Seamount" Action Plan: AMBAG supports the inclusion of the Davidson Seamount within the Boundaries of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary with fishing restrictions as adopted by the PFMC.
2. Bottom Trawling Effects on Benthic Habitats Action Plan: AMBAG recommends that any data that the Sanctuary develops be presented to the appropriate fishery management agencies for their consideration and action. AMBAG would not support the Sanctuary changing its Designation Document to regulate this fishery even in the event that the appropriate fishery management agencies decline to act on the Sanctuary's behalf.
3. Marine Protected Areas Action Plan: AMBAG recommends for Sanctuary actions which affect fishing include the statement: "any zones or regulations proposed by the Sanctuary which affect fishing would occur only if they are the result of a cooperative effort with the fishing and/or aquaculture communities and they have the support of those communities."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Botelho
AMBAG President

cc: AMBAG Board of Directors
Paul Michel, MBNMS Superintendent