

Council Members:

As a fisherman who has invested considerable monies, time and effort to participate in the Open Access Fishery for Sablefish since September 2006 I ask that you not limit myself or other fishermen from the "B" Permit Program. The cut of date of September did not allow most of the salmon fishermen, myself included, to qualify since we were just ending a salmon season in Northern California. Since then I have spent money on the installation and continued monthly service charges for the Vessel Monitoring System(VMS), traps and miscellaneous gear that is required for Open Access Sablefish Fishery. At no time, when this VMS was force upon fishermen, was there any notice that if we would be excluded from this fishery. The Sablefish fishery is controlled by the Federal Government authorities therefore I respectfully ask that this council consider allowing those fishermen who have done as I have, that is complied with limit restriction and VMS be considered for a "B" Permit, especially in light on No Salmon Season this year and mostly likely next.

Respectfully Submitted,
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