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Chairman Hansen,

I am writing on behalf of the Ft. Bragg open access fishermen who are members of this local Association. We respectfully request an in-season adjustment to at least 2,500 lbs of sablefish for the current two-month limits. All other sectors received significant increases this year, and we are at a loss to explain to our members why open-access has not received a proportionate increase. Over a year ago we were told that there would be significant increases across the board in 2009.

We need to put as much sablefish on the back decks of our boats as possible this year due to the combined hardships of another summer without salmon and a crab season which is already over for most of the fleet. There is no reason to wait until the middle of summer for increases when there are fish available now and there is immediate economic need among fishermen, as well.

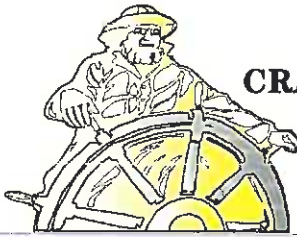
In Noyo Harbor, the more boats which are able to keep fishing, the better it is for our families, our gear stores, our fuel dock, our processors and our coastal community. We urge the Council to do their part to keep our fleet active during these tough times.

Sincerely,



Ben Platt
Boardmember,
STMA/FB

cc: John Devore, PFMC
Dan Platt, Open Access Representative, GAP/PFMC



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Re: In-season adjustment

Chairman Hanson and Council Members:

The Crab Boat Owners Association of San Francisco represents the working fishing men and women of the San Francisco Bay Area. Our members fish for crab, salmon, herring, rockfish, black cod, California halibut and albacore. We are a 50 foot and under fleet.

It has come to our attention that the black cod quotas for open access have not increased for 2009 when the other sector quotas have seen dramatic increases in 2009 over-all and bi-monthly quotas. Was there some mistake here? This doesn't seem equitable.

Some of our members are relying on open access black cod as they are unable to fish for salmon this summer. We're hoping that our harbor's fleet can stay intact while waiting for the salmon to return.

We are requesting an in-season adjustment be made to correct this disparity.

Sincerely,

Larry Collins, President

cc: John Devore

cc: Dan Platt