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Chairman Hansen,

PFMC

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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March 18, 2009

TO: John DeVore

RE: Open Access Sablefish trip limits

John,

We understand the council will be considering open access trip limit increases at the April meeting in Milbrae. We support the GMT's recommendation for increasing those limits and urge the council move forward with implimenting them.

Sincerely'

Duncan F MacLean
president HMBFMA

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