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To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

May 28 2010

Dear DR. Mc Issac,

I am a nearshore fisher, I also am co- owner of a seafood market operating in Gold Beach OR. There is a small economic base here and we are concerned that we will be impacted by the recent court ruling regarding yelloweye rock fish allowable harvest. Additional regulatory reduction of nearshore species presently harvested, to reduce minimally, yelloweye bi catch seems extreme. The nearshore fleet is the main source of fresh local seafood. It is a small boat fleet mostly under 30ft. Observations indicate it is a clean fishery and regulations restrict fishing in deeper water yelloweye habitat. Because of the necessity to handle every fish decompression and safe release are the norm. The local fleet is open to structuring non regulatory measures to aid in meeting court ordered reduction. Without some relief this will be one more blow to a healthy local economy, and two small Oregon towns that are barely getting by. Thank you for considering this impact of fishery management. John F. Wilson
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Pacific fishery Management Council

Concerning the cut in the yellow eye rockfish bycatch quota.

As a nearshore rockfish fisherman in Oregon any more cuts to our fishery would deeply impact us, our market is dependent on consistent product throughout the year. Also our quota has been cut over the last several years that anymore cuts could be an end to our market and lively hood in Southern Oregon.

The impact on the yellow eye in this area is very low since the nearshore fleet has been fishing inside the twenty fathom line. The most impact is from the sport and charter fleet that targets on lingcod and can fish out to forty fathoms , a reduction in there bag limit from two to one on lingcod would take pressure off yellow eye bycatch more than cutting the nearshore rockfish fleet. We know how to vent rockfish and handle live fish since that is our market, so any fish that we release are vented properly.

All charter boat operators should be required to vent all bycatch.

Please take our economic dependents into consideration.

Thank You, Craig Will



Oregon Black /blue Rockfish with Nearshore Endorsement permit holder No. 59046

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June 2, 2010

Mr. Dave Ortmann
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Dear Mr. Ortmann:

Our fishing community participates in the Limited Entry non-directed blackcod fishery that is managed with a 2 month quota and trip limits. We have been asking Council and staff for the past three years to make changes to this fishery so the fleet can actually reach the full amount allocated by the end of the year. All other fisheries are modeled to reach the target but this has never happened with the DTL blackcod fishery. In 2009 we only harvested 57% of the fish.

We started 2010 with an increase to the fishery but realize now that the fishery has been tracking slow and the two month quota and trip limits need to be increased again to reach the allowed limit this year. **We ask that the Council increase the DTL blackcod fishery for Limited Entry Fixed-gear at the June meeting. We request that the increase to the fishery be published and implemented by July 1st so the benefit to the fleet will occur in a timely manner and we can catch the fish this year.** The slower NMFS is to publish and implement the change, the less chance we have of getting anywhere near the limit this year. This has been a failing situation for years and we are anxious to get it fixed.

A significant amount of the economic viability of this community is dependent on getting our blackcod – and on getting a management system that allows us to catch the TAC.

Sincerely,

Leesa Cobb