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I WOULD LIKE PFMC TO ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER REMOVING THE DAILY TRIP LIMIT FOR FIXED GEAR LIMITED ENTRY SABLE FISH IN THE CONCEPTION AREA. THIS FORM OF MANAGEMENT IS NOT EFFECTIVE. IT REQUIRES FISHERMEN TO DISCARD FISH, THERE FOR IT IS A WASTE OF THE SABLE FISH RESOURCE, FUEL AND TIME. KILLING FISH FOR NO REASON IS NOT MANAGEMENT. PLEASE RIGHT THIS WRONG. FISHERMEN NEED TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THE FISH THEY CATCH WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED FOR NOT CATCHING ENOUGH OF A SINGLE SPECIES ON A GIVEN TRIP. IF ANY ONE ON THE COUNCIL IS INTERESTED FURTHER UNDER STANDING HOW THIS SIMPLE CHANGE EFFECTS FISHERMEN ON THE GROUNDS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT; [MORROBAYFISH@ATT.NET](mailto:MORROBAYFISH@ATT.NET) -SINCERLY  
BRETT CUNNINGHAM

**Subject:**To GMT re: daily limits  
**Date:**Sun, 21 Feb 2010 08:40:07 -0800  
**From:**William Diller <[wdiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wdiller@sbcglobal.net)>  
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Dear Council Members and Groundfish Management Team

I'm writing to you today to ask you to consider changing one aspect of the current management scheme for Limited Entry Fixed Gear/Longline. We are asking that you consider removing the daily trip limit for sablefish in the Conception area. We are not asking to catch more fish, just to be able to use what we already catch and to reduce discards. An example of what is happening under the current system would be as follows: I make a trip targeting slope rockfish and along with the rockfish, I catch 700 pounds of sablefish. I'm allowed 1500 pounds of sablefish per week currently. I cannot bring in more than 400 pounds on any one day so I am compelled to dump the 700 pounds in anticipation that I will be able to make a sablefish targeted trip later that week and get my full allotment. If I could land that 700 pounds and make a trip later with less gear and catch the remaining 800 pounds for the week, the resource would be better utilized. Once again, we are not asking to catch more, actually what we are suggesting would remove the option of 7 trips at 400 pounds per week with a possible take of 2800 pounds. On another point, the idea of moving the Conception Area to 34-27, thus moving Morro Bay and Port San Luis into the North would decimate what is left of the groundfish industry in those two ports. Thank You, William G. Diller