

Agenda Item F.9.c  
Supplemental Public Comment  
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Mr. Dan Wolford  
Chairman  
Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dear Chairman Wolford, my name is Bill James. I am speaking on behalf of Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association.

Specifically we are requesting a increase in the bi-monthly trip limits of Shallow Nearshore Species and Deeper Nearshore Species to 1000 lbs/ 2 months for the area of 40:10 to 34:27 for the remainder of 2013.

Last year Nearshore Commercial landing were about 50 percent of our ACL (OY). This year has started out being very windy and unfishable for weeks at a time. The Nearshore boats are small...mostly 25 feet in length or less. Weather (wind and wave height) this year has been keeping the Nearshore fishermen unable to fish the far away productive areas. Without a increase in the bi-monthly trip limits we will again fall to and possibly under 50 percent of the ACL for the commercial Nearshore Shallow and Deeper Nearshore Species for the area of 40:10 to 34:27. Late summer and fall are prime fishing months to catch our fish and sell to the markets we provide for. We cannot forecast which month will be less windy than another and that is why the request for a large trip limit increase for all remaining periods is being requested.

Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association and myself Bill James wish to thank the Council for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions about this request please contact me at [503-428-4028](tel:503-428-4028).

Thank you, Bill James