



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT SHERMAN
SEVENTH DISTRICT

September 12, 2014

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

RE: Severe Restrictions on Bluefin Tuna Fishing

Chairwoman Lowman:

San Diego is home to the largest sportfishing fleet of its kind in the world. This fleet employs thousands of San Diegans and attracts tourists from around the world to enjoy fishing and learn about our beautiful environment.

The sportfishing industry generates millions of dollars in tax revenue from tourists who spend their dollars on San Diego hotels, restaurants, marinas, boat yards and surrounding regional attractions. Placing severe restrictions on Bluefin Tuna fishing would have a drastic negative effect on the San Diego economy and put hundreds of jobs in the regional maritime industry in peril.

I urge the Pacific Fishery Management Council to carefully consider the implications that severe restrictions would have on our region and strongly recommend that hearings be scheduled and conducted in the San Diego region. The Council must hear the feedback and views of the fishing community on this issue. This additional perspective would provide the Council with essential information and to make an informed decision.

I recognize that some reduction is warranted but severe restrictions should only happen after additional scientific studies have been concluded. I urge the Pacific Fishery Management Council to work with the stakeholders in the San Diego region to find a better solution. As a lifelong San Diegan and fisherman, I urge you to strongly consider the negative impacts an extreme reduction would have on San Diego's economy.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Sherman
San Diego City Council, District 7