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SFCFA EFP

We would like to thank the Council for forwarding our EFP proposal for further consideration under Agenda Item H.2. Under H.2, the Council included an increase in our allowable catch of yelloweye rockfish from 0.01 mt to 0.03 mt. We would like to request that same increase be considered for our 2014 EFP project.

We understand that the harvest levels in some activities (e.g. tribal fisheries, EFPs, scientific research) come off the ACL as a set-aside. For 2014, that set-aside is 5.82 mt. Looking at the draft overfished species scorecard from the GMT, it looks like that entire set-aside is not anticipated to be harvested in 2014. We would like to request an increase in our allowable catch of yelloweye rockfish for our EFP project in 2014, from 0.01 mt to 0.03 mt to allow us to continue conducting the experiment to target yellowtail rockfish throughout the year in 2014. We understand that this would increase anticipated impacts to yelloweye, but would still be below the "off the top deduction" for 2014.

Thank You for your consideration