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Pacific Fishery Management Council,

Greetings from Sea Lion Caves, a privately owned wildlife preserve and wildlife sanctuary centrally located on our beautiful Oregon Coast just 11 miles north of Florence and America's largest sea cave. First of all, we want to thank the Council for setting limits on existing already-managed fisheries. As the competition for our depleted fisheries continues to wage between man and animal, limiting human access is a vital component to allow our fisheries to rebound and further allow the marine animals that depend on these fisheries for their survival, too recover from the devastating loss of over 80% of the sea lions along the Pacific rim during the 80s and 90s.

As a business, Sea Lion Caves' mission, since 1932, has been and will continue to be to preserve and protect the marine mammals locally and advocate for all marine mammals along the Pacific coast. Having observed the adverse environmental changes affecting the marine mammals locally, we ask and support the permanent protection of the ecological role played by forage fish in the Fish Management Plan for unmanaged forage fish. These fisheries play a vital role in the health and vitality of marine mammals as well as all animals along the Pacific coast.

We urge the Council to fully implement the Fishery Ecosystem Plan & Ecosystem-based Initiative #1.

Thank you,

Gerald Duane Wright
General Manager, Sea Lion Caves

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Duane Wright", is written over the typed name and title.

The following email is exemplary of several received at the Council office:

From: <Danpinps@aol.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2014 at 6:59 PM
Subject: (no subject)
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

Please fulfill your September 2013 **commitment** to prohibit unregulated fishing on forage fish species such as sand lance, saury, and lanternfish that are not currently managed or monitored.

Dan Perdios