

Subject: Fwd: Attn Don Mcisaac Canada Treaty
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Subject:Attn Don Mcisaac Canada Treaty
Date:Mon, 17 Oct 2011 10:09:03 -0700
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Attn Don Mcisaac

I am an American fisherman that has been fishing Albacore for the past 20 years. I got your Email address from WFOA asking for comments on the treaty. I have never had a trip in the past 20 years of fishing up there. When the treaty was made there was a big salmon fishery in Canada. Now all of those boats are off the US coast fishing tuna. Alot of changes in technology have happened since then also. Boats didn't have GPS back then so it was Loran. Boats had a limit of about 2-300 mi off shore before they lost signals. There may have been fish all over those years offshore. It may have served a purpose back in the day but does nothing except giving my fishery away now. The treaty is not fair for the American fleet. because there are 2-3 canadian vessels per 1 american boat. The Canadian fleet fishes in such a mob that when they are around it is imposible to work around. When the weather blows up it is tough to get unloaded because they are plugging up the ports. There is supposed to be only 120 canadian vessels out here. You should see on our radars there are about double that number. I wouldn't mind putting a transponder for fishing offshore as inshore if it meant giving up the treaty. I am against the treaty and we need to get the foreign fleets out of our waters. I have a tough time believing that my government is just giving away our industry to foreign countries.

Sean Holt F/V Kathleen

Subject: Public Comment on American/Canadian Albacore Treaty
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Date: Thu, 20 Oct 2011 13:32:34 -0700 (PDT)
From: Dana Ferguson <dferg13@yahoo.com>
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Dear Dr. Mclsaac,

I am sending an email in response to the American/Canadian Albacore Treaty. My name is Dana Ferguson and I manage Westbay, Inc. and Oceanic Logistics, both companies deal heavily with Canadian vessels. We are VERY much in favor of the Treaty. Most of our production comes from the Canadian Fleet. I have unloaded Canadian Vessels for the better part of 20 years and they have always been a major focus of my business plan. I feel it would be very short sighted to abolish this treaty based on a few fishermen's competitive nature on the fishing grounds. This treaty helps support a fishing community here in Astoria. They support our local Fuel Companies, Marine Supply Stores, Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Hotels and most importantly, our work force. To abolish this treaty, would cost Clatsop County many jobs. We use high school and college students to unload vessels. I believe in hiring our younger generation and this would greatly affect them. This day and age it seems there isn't much out there for them to create a cash flow while attending school. I am a fisherman myself and understand the undercurrent behind this group of people trying to put an end to this Treaty. It's the same old thing more for me. It's human nature to regulate everyone but themselves out of the fishery. These Canadians, along with their markets have been beneficial to the US Tuna Fishermen. My estimation, one third of the Albacore landed is blast bled destined to the Canadian Market place. The thought process is, of course we want to keep that. These markets have increased the value of the product in my mind by double. We, the US Buyers and fishermen would be in sad shape today without Canadian participation in this fishery. I went through the 90's with no market place for the Albacore, when we first started developing this Canadian Market. To the best of my knowledge through our company, to close this treaty it would force me to lose 10 local younger people off my workforce. This day and age we need all the work we can get in Astoria. Consequently, the Canadian vessels have been nothing but beneficial to our industry and most importantly to our community.

Thank You Dana Ferguson

Thank you for your consideration,

Dana Ferguson