September 6, 2010

Mr. Mark Cedergreen, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Re: Potential Trailing Actions to Amendment 20 on Trawl Rationalization

Chairman Cedergreen and Council members,

The San Francisco Community Fishing Association made comment at the March 2010 PFMC meeting which provided information about our budding organization. We informed you then that our plans are to be a marketplace for both the public and businesses to purchase locally caught seafood direct from the source: local independent fishermen who subscribe to sustainable fishing standards. We want to keep you updated on our progress.

We have filed our Articles of Incorporation and are now in the process of writing our by-laws. As we move forward with our decisions for ourselves, we will need the Council to develop a standardized Community Sustainability Document. We expect to see CFAs on the March agenda. To that end we encourage the Council to expedite issues related to Community Fishing Associations. It is our understanding that the council has received funding to help with this process.

Without a salmon fishery our community is in grave danger of social and economic collapse. We ask the Council to be open to input from our community and others in similar dire straits when it comes to developing criteria for initial allocation and accumulation limits.

Thank you,

Larry Collins
President