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Thank you for your reply to my previous letter concerning coastal pelagic species (CPS).

Your response dated October 15, 1998 states in paragraph two that your plan establishes a formula for determining the coastwide sardine quota ----- and that a biomass reserve of 150,000 MT of sardine has been established. All good and well so far.

Now where in your response do you address the bycatch of salmonids. The former Washington proposal limited Chinook bycatch to 1 fish per 20 tows. That proposal was silent on coho bycatch. What are your proposed bycatch limits for Chinook, coho + steelhead? I would suggest that this should be addressed in your proposal prior to any public hearings to allow for considered input from other than commercial interests and federal, state + local agencies involved.

Please send me a copy of your proposal as soon as possible.

CC: WDFW - Vancouver office

Thank You  
Don Lewis

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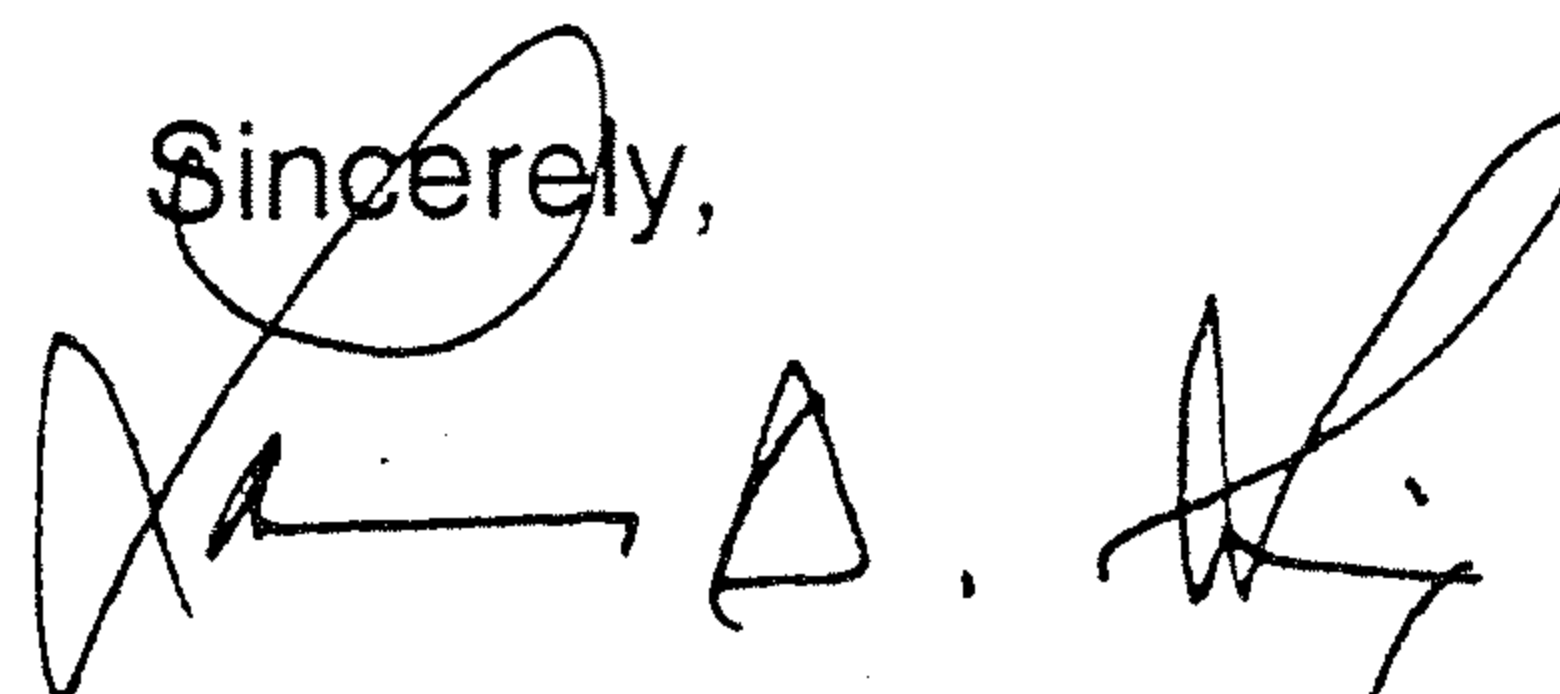
Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your follow up letter concerning coastal pelagic species (CPS). The fishery management plan (FMP) approved by the Council was submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), in December 1998, and we expect a approval or disapproval decision by June 11, 1999.

Last month, we sent you a copy of the CPS FMP as submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. Page A-40 (Section 2.2.2) addresses the "take" of endangered salmon during CPS fishing. In its review of this fishery management plan, NMFS is required to consult with its Office of Protected Resources to determine the impacts on endangered or threatened species. That consultation is currently underway. NMFS is requesting comments on the plan until May 11, 1999 (see attached notice from the *Federal Register*).

Bycatch of salmon in Washington and Oregon sardine and/or anchovy fisheries is addressed through the states' experimental fishery programs. The CPS plan adopted by the Council defers regulation of vessels landing in Washington and Oregon vessels to those states (Section 2.5, Page 2-14). Currently, both Washington and Oregon have rigorous guidelines for experimental fisheries that include bycatch limits and procedures for monitoring bycatch. If the states were to change those regulations, the Council would review those regulations for consistency with the fishery management plan under procedures described in Section 2.2.5 on page B-26. If your concern is about the current experimental fisheries directed by Washington and Oregon, you may want to contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife directly.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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Enclosure