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Pacific Fisheries Management Council

Dear Sirs:

Salmon Trollers Marketing Association is a marketing and lobbying association representing salmon trollers who fish out of the port of Noyo in Fort Bragg, CA. We recently celebrated our fiftieth birthday as an association, are a member association of PCFFA, and have long been active and supportive of salmon restoration projects along the north coast of California. Historically, Fort Bragg was always one of the leading landing ports of king salmon on the entire west coast. We finally had a good September in 2000, after many years of dismal September openings in the Pt. Arena to Horse Mountain area. We look forward to a May 1 opening in the Pt. Arena to Horse Mountain area in 2001.

Not only would a May 1 opening in the Fort Bragg area help our member fishermen, it would also benefit our local processors and shore-side support facilities (fuel dock, ice dock, gear stores, etc.). Also, the community as a whole would benefit in that our grocery stores and restaurants could feature "locally caught" California King Salmon.

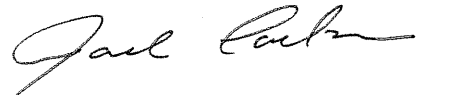
Salmon Trollers Marketing Association supports a May 1 opening in our area with as high a quota as feasible without delaying the Pt. Arena to Pt. Reyes opening past June 24. We are totally against any opening in the Pt. Arena to Pt. Reyes area that forces landings in Bodega Bay only (part of option 11). Many of our members fish the Pt. Arena area during these openings and deliver the fish in Fort Bragg. A daily landing limit and directed port of delivery in an area fishery is absurd. It is barely tolerable in a test fishery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Haas, President



Jack Carlson, Salmon Committee