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Dear Bill

Thank you for the meeting in San Francisco. As a follow-up we ask for something in writing to insure we all understand where we go from here. What we got back in an email from Maury Osborne is not the direction that I heard you provide at that meeting. As I recall, you indicated that you had set aside \$50,000 and that you would direct that it be used on the West Coast to develop an in-season recreational fisheries data program. We would be a test case. We even talked about having the meetings on the West Coast bringing people from D.C. We talked about the fact that we can now provide in-season information to the council from Washington and Oregon but we need help in California. What we got back is a proposed meeting, which seems to be designed to show how MRFSS can work for you especially if you don't use quotas. I do not believe that the proposed meeting as described by Maury is what we need. Lets focus on the problem of providing timely and accurate recreational data for the managers. The council and the states have spent years-discussing management options and we all know the pros and cons.

We all know that the MRFSS was not designed to provide in season capabilities. That's what we need, so let's figure out how to get there.

I believe my understanding of what we discussed is correct and I hope we can move forward very soon. If something has changed, we would like and opportunity to talk to you.

Once again thank you for listening and I look forward to a complete understanding of how we will work together on solving this important problem.


Randy Fisher