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September 19, 2001

James H. Lone, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Re: Permitting of HMS Fishing Vessels

Dear Mr. Lone:

The tragic course of events on our East Coast last week will have catastrophic consequences that will manifest themselves for decades. Dealing with these horrendous events will truly show the depth of commitment of the American people.

One minor consequence of the tragedy resulted in our inability to attend last week's Council meeting in Portland. The purpose of this letter is to cover issues that we felt were important to address in the public review draft of the HMS plan.

On August 26 and 27, the HMSAS met in Los Alamitos to review updates to the latest version of the HMS plan. While a report was made to the council, two areas not in that report were covered at the HMSAS meeting.

First, United Anglers believes good fishery management depends upon good fishery data. The HMS FMP will manage all fishing vessels either fishing in the US West Coast EEZ or landing fish on the US West Coast. Currently, state management only manages vessels landing fish in their respective states. During the course of developing the FMP, it was reported that certain HMS fishing vessels from time to time transfer catches to other vessels or net pens for landing at locations other than US West Coast ports. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act defines a fishing vessel as: "The term 'fishing vessel' means any vessel, ship, or other craft which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type which is normally used for—(A) fishing; or (B) aiding or assisting one or more vessels at sea in the performance of any activity relating to fishing, including, but not limited to, preparation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation, or processing."

In addition, it was reported during meetings developing the FMP that certain US vessels from time to time operated under permits issued by the Mexican government, fishing within the Mexican EEZ, and/or landing fish into Mexican ports. We believe that in order to ensure that pertinent data on all fishing activities in the US West Coast EEZ is collected it will be necessary to require a complete analysis on the necessity of permits for all vessels engaged in HMS fisheries.

Second, from the draft report Jim Morgan presented the initial regulation options and their impacts. The document includes only drift gillnet and longline options at this time. Subpanel members offered suggestions to the Team for improving the draft, however there was a question about the relationship of this document to the FMP. Is this a separate document or part of the FMP?

Sincerely,

Tom Raftican, President
UASC

Cc: Dr. William T. Hogarth
Dr. Rebecca Lent

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Chairman Jim Lone
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Lone,

I am a recreational fisherman who is concerned about the future of our West Coast marine fishery. I am in full support of a responsible PFMC management plan for the highly migratory species in our region, and hope that you and your council will do the right thing by disallowing the use of indiscriminate commercial fishing gear as part of that plan.

I believe that the resource belongs to all of us, and no individual citizen or organization has the right to waste it. Please do not allow the tragic events that ruined the swordfish fishery and wasted the white and blue marlin populations of our Atlantic coast to repeat themselves here in the West.

I urge you to not only disallow the introduction of new longline gear on the West Coast, but to work to remove drift gillnets as well.

Respectfully,

(Please Print)

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Signature: John J. Wallace

Subject: Fwd: longline proposal

Date: Fri, 07 Sep 2001 10:11:51 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: longline proposal

Date: Thu, 6 Sep 2001 21:48:53 -0700

From: "Greg & Lynnda" <bentley@quix.net>

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I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to prevent the indiscriminate carnage and environmental massacre of our sea animals that would result if additional longlining were to be allowed within the 200 mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Greg Bentley

Subject: Fwd: Please Do Not Let Longlining Revive Itself!

Date: Fri, 07 Sep 2001 10:16:16 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: Please Do Not Let Longlining Revive Itself!

Date: Thu, 06 Sep 2001 14:01:25 -0700

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I am appalled that the Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering two proposals for additional longline permits in the 200-mile California Exclusive Economic Zone..

In 1992 California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to bar this type of commercial fishing because of the inevitable by-catch and death of millions of sea mammals, turtles, birds, non-targeted fish and sharks.

This type of commercial fishing kills everything in its path.

Miles and miles of lines with baited hooks unmercifully catch and kill millions of turtles, sea birds, seals, sharks, marlin and other non-targeted fish, which are unceremoniously dumped back into the ocean as by-catch.

All Longlining is environmentally and ethically irresponsible because of its inherent indiscriminate and non-specific nature of killing fish by commercial fishermen.

We have banned off shore oil drilling in protected areas. We prohibit dumping of illegal chemical wastes in the ocean or the rivers and drainages that flow to the seas. We prohibit killing pelicans, seals, otters, dolphins, whales, elephant seals and turtles, so how can we possibly consider granting additional permits to kill these same animals we're trying to protect?

How can we explain to our children that this form of mass destruction is OK.

The current proposal to increase the number of longlining permits and indiscriminate mass killing of non-targeted "by-catch" is outrageous.

The introduction of additional long line fishing gear in California's 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone must be stopped.

Please say absolutely "NO!" to the Pacific Fishery Management Council for additional longlines in the 200-mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Thank you for your attention.

Subject: Fwd: Please stop all longlining!!!

Date: Thu, 06 Sep 2001 09:30:54 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: Please stop all longlining!!!

Date: Wed, 05 Sep 2001 09:12:55 -0700

From: Chris Rexinger <chris@rex-i.com>

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The current proposal to increase the number of longlining permits and indiscriminate mass killing of non-targeted 'by-catch' is outrageous. I am appalled that the Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering two proposals for additional longline permits. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to prevent the indiscriminate carnage and environmental massacre of our sea animals that would result if additional longlining were to be allowed within the 200 mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Longliners target 'highly migratory species' which impacts the oceans globally, not locally. All Longlining is environmentally and ethically irresponsible because of its inherent indiscriminate and non-specific nature of killing fish by commercial fishermen.

In 1992 California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to bar this type of commercial fishing because of the inevitable by-catch and death of millions of sea mammals, turtles, birds, non-targeted fish and sharks.

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Sincerely,

Chris Rexinger
Concerned Voter

Subject: Fwd: No to Longlines

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2001 08:48:46 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: No to Longlines

Date: Sat, 08 Sep 2001 20:01:49 -0700

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To: <Fred.Keeley@assembly.ca.gov>, <doolittle@mail.house.gov>, <M.Thompson@mail.house.gov>, <samfarr@mail.house.gov>, <graydavis@governor.ca.gov>, <thesecc@doc.gov>, <senator@feinstein.senate.gov>, <senator@boxer.senate.gov>, <rhight@dfg.ca.gov>, <graydavis@governor.ca.gov>, <William.Hogarth@noaa.gov>, <marty.golden@noaa.gov>, <jimlone@msn.com>, <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

September 8, 2001

Dear Members of the Assembly:

Longliners drift miles and miles of baited lines and hooks, which act as walls of death for any passing fish or sea bird and it has destroyed fisheries around the world. Many of these species killed and discarded at sea are protected and otherwise illegal to catch and kill.

In 1992 California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to bar this type of commercial fishing because of the inevitable by-catch and death of millions of sea mammals, turtles, birds,

non-targeted fish and sharks. All longlining is environmentally and ethically irresponsible because of its inherent indiscriminate and non-specific nature of killing fish by commercial fishermen.

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I am appalled that the Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering two proposals for additional longline permits. Please say “NO!” to the Pacific Fishery Management Council for additional longlines in the 200-mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Longline fleets have frequently moved from area to area decimating fish populations in their wake until their daily catches don't cover the cost of their daily operations.

Miles and miles of lines with baited hooks unmercifully catch and kill millions of turtles, sea birds, seals, sharks, marlin and other non-targeted fish, which are unceremoniously dumped back into the ocean as by-catch. The current proposal to increase the number of longlining permits and indiscriminate mass killing of non-targeted “by-catch” is outrageous.

We have banned off shore oil drilling in protected areas. We have prohibited dumping of illegal chemical wastes in the ocean or the rivers and drainages that flow to the seas. We have prohibited killing pelicans, seals, otters, dolphins, whales, elephant seals and turtles, so how can we possibly consider granting additional permits to kill these same animals we’re trying to protect?

Please vote NO to longlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Weller

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Subject: Fwd: Longlines

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2001 08:58:54 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

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Subject: Longlines

Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2001 13:36:01 -0700

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Mexico and Hawaii have banned this type of fishing

What the longline fishermen call "by-catch" and discard at sea, the rest of society calls beautiful creatures of the sea.

Longliners target "highly migratory species" which impacts the oceans globally, not locally.

Many of these species killed and discarded at sea are protected and otherwise illegal to catch and kill.

The technique of longlining can not be conducted to avoid the catching and killing of these non-targeted species.

In 1992 California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to bar this type of commercial fishing because of the inevitable by-catch and death of millions of sea mammals, turtles, birds, non-targeted fish and sharks.

Please stop all longlining!!!

Subject: Fwd: Please say absolutely "NO!" to the Pacific Fishery Management Council for additional longlines in the 200-mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2001 14:29:43 -0700

From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To: daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

Subject: Please say absolutely "NO!" to the Pacific Fishery Management Council for additional longlines in the 200-mile California Exclusive Economic Zone.

Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2001 22:09:54 -0700

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Dear representative of the people of California and the United States of America,

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Longline fleets have frequently moved from area to area decimating fish populations in their wake until their daily catches don't cover the cost of their daily operations. They then steam away to rape and pillage some other part of the ocean. Miles and miles of lines with baited hooks unmercifully catch and kill millions of turtles, sea birds, seals, sharks, marlin and other non-targeted fish, which are unceremoniously dumped back into the ocean as by-catch.

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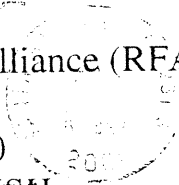
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To grant such additional permits is environmentally irresponsible and economically short-sighted.

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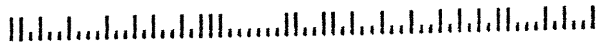
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Dear Chairman Lone,

I'm a member of the salt-water recreational fishing community and I'm extremely concerned that the Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering a proposal to allow drift longlines in the Pacific.

The science surrounding this gear is clear – marine mammal interaction is inevitable, as is by-catch of juvenile and unmarketable species, including endangered sea turtles, pilot whales, marlin, and sea birds. To introduce this fishing practice to the waters of the West Coast would be reckless.

The U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have both recognized longlines for the “dirty” gear they are – and are addressing the reduction of this gear through the legislative process. Drift longlines and drift gill nets have no place in sustainable and historical fisheries.

I urge you to remove driftnets from the water – but do not replace them with an unsustainable longline industry.

Sincerely,

(Please Print)

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Signature

Wm Zenger

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