

# Recreational Fishing Alliance

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Dear Sirs:

Considering the many decisions related to the recreational nearshore groundfishery which are now facing the Council, and the particular importance of that fishery to non-charter sportfishermen, we would like to request that the Council consider increasing the representation of non-charter fishermen on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

In recognition of the difficulty the Council has experienced in the past with regular attendance from non-charter sportfishermen, I have searched for and can bring forward a potential representative from California and one from Washington, either of whom would make good additions to the GAP. One is an internet journalist on fisheries matters, and the other a motel operator and avid fisherman.

Understanding that with regard to the groundfishery, the future shape of the regulatory process, the integration of marine protected areas with fish management plans, and negotiation of the overlapping responsibilities of the states and the federal government are all intrinsically in the purview of the Council, we would like to have a better opportunity to have some influence on the decisions which will have such an effect on our ocean sportfishing.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Janice L. Green  
Oregon Chair

Attachment:

Letter to Reg. Administrator Darm, Scoping of Groundfishery EIS