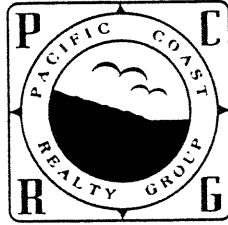


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Dear Sirs

Pacific Fisheries Management Council **PFMC**

Concerning the long line fishery, and most important the marlin catch off the coast of Southern Calif.

The marlin are virtually gone. Core in point.

The Avalon Tuna Club has two tournaments in Sept, Oct. each year, The best anglers in so. Cal.

The first tournament caught two marlin the second caught two more.

Thirty five boats and 38 boats = 73.  
approx 4 anglers per boat = 292

4 fish divided into 292 = 73 fishing days per fish caught and released,

Compare with just 10 years ago approx 3 days per fish.

NO LONG LINES PLEASE

Sincerely

Curtis Herbert



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Dr. Don McIsaac, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Pl., Suite 200  
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Dear Mr. Mc Isaac:

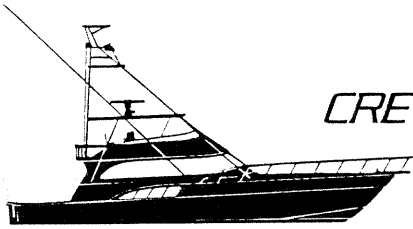
It has come to my attention that your organization is planning to reconsider the use of longline fishing techniques inside the Exclusive Economic Zone. As you are aware, the serious indiscriminate destruction that this technique causes to endangered wildlife including seals and birds has led to it's being banned in U.S. coastal waters.

As a tour operator, I have often traveled to the Pacific Coast and market it to many groups who travel with our company. What I have commented on consistently is the way in which in that area of the country seems to consciously preserve it's natural beauty and resources. Being a resident of the east coast of Florida where our beautiful coastlines have been inundated with high-rise condos in every direction, I can appreciate the conservation efforts of our Pacific coast, from Seattle to Oregon to the incomparable coastline of California.

I urge you, Mr. Hight, to continue the west coast tradition of conservation and preservation. We travel to your coast to see and appreciate the natural beauty of our great nation, and would hate to see those efforts destroyed through this very destructive fishing method. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and for being a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Sincerely,

Michele Verdi, Vice President  
Tours of Vision, International, Inc.



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Dear Sirs,

**PFMC**

I am an avid local sportfisherman as well as a business owner with ties to the marine industry. Besides all of the obvious issues regarding the fisheries destruction and waste proliferated by longline gear, I want you to be aware of the potential impact to business here on the West Coast of California.

I own a marine electronics business. I sell 2 million per year in electronics, sales, installation and service to primarily local recreational sportfisherman. Most of my customers already support conservation by a tag and release policy of all billfish and most will catch (and of course release) only a few billfish per year as true fair sportsmen. Should the sure destruction of our local fishing occur as a result of permitting longliners here, so will the destruction of our local marine related business follow. No decent fishing will precede elimination of recreational sportfishermen. Boat sales, electronics sales, etc. etc, will die out here.

If caring about the depleted fisheries is not enough, please consider your government's own potential loss of revenue in taxes earned in a healthy marine related economy. Please do not allow longline gear into our waters

Sincerely,

Bill Jahn

Pres. – Crew West Marine Electronics

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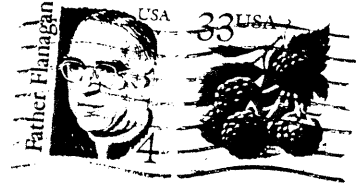
PFMC

Dear Doctor Don McISAC,

I have fished the California pelagic belt for 30 of my 35 years of life. I have worked very closely with the Department of Fish & Game Longbeach Tagging Sharks extensively. I was the #1 shark tagger of Mako sharks 3 years running & have tagged roughly 250 Mako sharks. Over the years I have seen Mako & Blue shark stocks decline significantly. We used to see many blue sharks finning daily. Today we are lucky to see a handful a year. I feel our stocks have been depleted by Mexican longliners and gillnetters extensively. I feel our own gillnet fleet is at fault also. I really feel that California is maxed out on the pressure our resources can stand. Our waters need protection and have been exploited to their fullest. Please do not allow longlines into our waters.

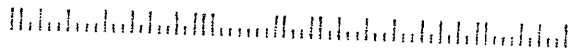
Sincerely  
Jason Blomer

United Anglers of Southern California  
5948 Warner Ave.  
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Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

I am a California angler and I am opposed to the use of pelagic longlines in the 200-mile West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and I still believe their prohibition should be the preferred option included in the pending Highly Migratory Species (HMS) fishery management plan (FMP).

West Coast HMS are fully utilized by existing gear types. Recreational success with HMS has already declined over the decades because of increased competition for these fish. California marine anglers spend over \$2.5 billion dollars per year in pursuing saltwater fish. Further increases in competition would without a doubt harm the State of California, reduce total business revenues, reduce total taxes collected, reduce funds for marine conservation, and reduce the value of being a Californian.

It is obvious - introducing longlines in EEZ waters would be extremely irresponsible to the environment and would be a huge step backwards for fisheries management and in fact violate federal law. In light of catastrophic problems with groundfish it is clearly the time to be proactive and prohibit longlining in the West Coast EEZ. Please ensure that longlines are permanently excluded from the EEZ in the final HMS FMP.

This plan primarily affects California and should recognize all existing State conservation and management programs regarding HMS and that the plan clearly requests to the NMFS that the council and public be fully involved in any future considerations for any potential experimental fishery (EFP) or change to State regulations. (Please Print Clearly)

Sincerely, Name: Anthony Popov  
Address: 926 Battery St.  
City: San Pedro St: CA Zip: 90731  
Signature: Anthony Popov

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**From:** "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: LONGLINE FISHING KILLS MORE THAN THE TARGET  
**To:** daniel.waldeck@noaa.gov

3:09 PM

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**From:** "Christina Tarman" <cinmsugr@mybluelight.com>  
**Subject:** LONGLINE FISHING KILLS MORE THAN THE TARGET  
**To:** pfmc.comments@noaa.gov  
**CC:** rhight@dfg.ca.gov

9:44 AM

Longline fishing is a dangerous and indiscriminate fishing technique killing far more than its target. Countless seals, endangered sea turtles, sharks, threatened birds such as albatrosses, and non-target fish are also caught and killed. Because of this it's been banned in U.S. coastal waters and should CONTINUE TO BE BANNED!

Sincerely yours,

Christina Tarman  
1913 Forest Rd.  
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DEAR DR. MCISSAC,

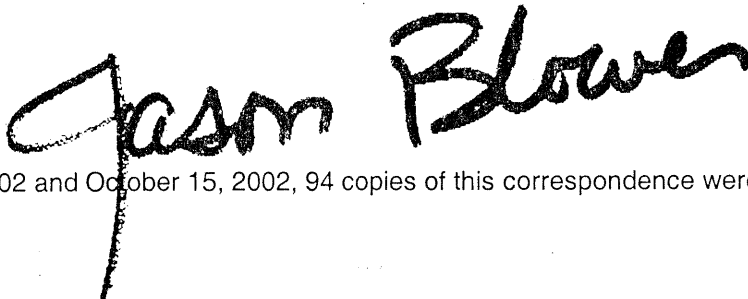
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL FINALIZE THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN IN LATE OCTOBER.

AS A CONCERNED CALIFORNIAN WHO APPRECIATES AND ENJOYS ALL OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, I IMPLORER YOU TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE HISTORY OF DESTRUCTION AND WASTE PROLIFERATED AGAINST ALL FISH SPECIES BY LONGLINE GEAR ACROSS ALL OF THE EARTH'S OCEANS AND REFUSE TO ALLOW THIS SO CALLED " FISHING " TO BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR WEST COAST WATERS

OUR FISHERIES RESOURCES NEED PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION, NOT MORE OVEREXPLOTATION. OUR WATERS AND THE WATERS BORDERING WITH MEXICO ARE CRITICAL BREEDING AND BROODING GROUNDS FOR MANY OF THE IMPORTANT FISH SPECIES OF THE PACIFIC

WE FEEL IT IS CRITICAL THAT A VOTE FOR A MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT PROVIDES FOR SAFE AND PRECAUTIONARY CONSERVATION, COLLECTION OF ACCURATE DATA, AND THE BEST SCIENCE TO MONITOR THE POPULATIONS AND CONDITION OF OUR TUNAS, SHARKS, DORADO AND BILLFISH AND THEIR HABITATS DON'T ALLOW LONGLINE GEAR INTO OUR WATERS. HELP US CONSERVE THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Blower". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first letter of "Jason" is a large, stylized 'J' that extends downwards. The name "Blower" is written in a similar cursive style.

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**From:** Louis LaPierre <[zygops@earthlink.net](mailto:zygops@earthlink.net)>

Sun 9:46 AM

**Subject:** NO to longlining!

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

Dear respected Leaders:

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

This type of commercial fishing kills everything in its path.

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

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.

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

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?

Longlining is currently prohibited off state of California, thanks to prior wisdom and leadership.

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.

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

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

Regards,

Louis M. LaPierre  
San Bernardino, CA

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Elaine Adair  
5200 West Beach Blvd  
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11 October 2002

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California Department of Fish & Game  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Mr. Robert Hight, Director

I am writing to you because I have just learned that the Pacific Fisheries Management Council will be making a decision on whether or not to allow vessels on the U.S. West Coast to start using longline fishing inside the Exclusive Economic Zone, a 200-mile-wide belt along the coast.

It is my understanding that the practice of "longline" fishing was banned in U.S. Coastal Waters because it is a dangerous and indiscriminate fishing technique, used in open sea waters, that kills far more than the animals it targets so please don't allow "longline" fishing off the Pacific Coast.

Lastly, I am thankful that our government had recognized that "longline" fishing has caused massive incident capture, injury and death to countless seals, endangered sea turtles, sharks albatrosses and non target fish and I hope that you will not lift the ban on "longline" fishing.

Sincerely,

Elaine Adair

Cc: Dr. Don McIssac, Executive Director  
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As a concerned citizen I urge you NOT to allow longline fishing onto the Pacific west coast. I have heard that the Pacific Fishery Management Council plans to finalize the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan in late October, and I urge you to protect our seas and sea life from this indiscriminate fishing technique.

This style of fishing hooks or entangles dolphins, sea turtles, sea birds, billfish, sharks and other marine animals that I care about deeply. It kills too many threatened and endangered animals for me to condone, and no technical fix exists that can protect all of these "non-target" species.

In addition, longline fishing in the Atlantic and elsewhere has proved to be disastrous for fishers, because its large-scale effects lead to overfishing and too-few target fish such as swordfish and bluefin tuna. Please vote for a management plan that uses the precautionary principle to emphasize conservation, requires observers and good data collection, and will enable us to achieve abundant populations of both target and non-target species.

#### BACKGROUND

Longlines can be up to 60 miles long with more than 2,000 baited hooks on each line. These nearly invisible lines catch any animal that bites or is unfortunate enough to become hooked or entangled while swimming in its path.

Global sentiment against longlining is growing. This August over 370 scientists from 42 nations, including E.O. Wilson, Paul Ehrlich, Sylvia Earle, and the most prominent scientists of our times, signed an open letter calling for an end to pelagic longline fishing. Over 70 environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, National Resource Defense Council, Friends of the Earth, and Defenders of Wildlife signed a similar letter. A federal judge has banned Hawaii-based boats from longlining for swordfish.

Don't let California make the same mistake.

Michele Reese  
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Monterey, CA 93940

