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Dear Dr. McIssac:

I am writing on behalf of the Newport Dory Fishing Fleet located in Newport Beach, California. It has come to my attention that there are restrictions being placed on the Dory Fleet fishermen that exceed rational and/or reasonable expectation. I am specifically asking for exemption from the vessel monitoring system under consideration by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC).

The Dory Fleet established in 1891, is unlike any other and should not be placed under the guidelines as larger commercial fishing vessels. They fish in deep water yet fish within a 30-mile range from the Newport pier. After retrieving their catch they come onto the beach to sell directly to the public at the base of the pier. I have had the opportunity to accompany a couple of the fishermen out to sea as an observer. It was a wonderful experience and the history of this unique fleet needs to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

It is my understanding that the regulating agencies feels it is necessary to monitor the fishing industry to ensure enforcement of the numerous, complex regulations currently in place. In order to do this, the management agencies want to implement a vessel monitoring on all limited entry groundfish permit vessels. Unfortunately, this includes a small historical landmark such as the Dory Fleet. This seems unreasonable for the Dory Fleet and sounds as if it could possibly be illegal.

I believe regulations for the only Dory Fleet in the United States should be different do to their unique historical operation. The regulating agencies should consider exemption from a VMS program for the Newport Beach Dory Fleet.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
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Dear Director

We strongly support the Newport Dory Fleet their request of exemption from the vessel monitoring enforcement program. Please do consider their reasonable request.

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