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Hello my name is Larry Demmert, I own several West Coast Sablefish endorsed permits. I believe that the VMS system needs to have a non fishing mode, and we need to be able to use it in different ways, such as sleeping or changing areas or setting gear in 2 or more areas. Many areas that are deeper than 100 fathoms are surrounded by shallower waters, to ask a crew to jog to be in the deeper water instead of drifting and sleeping is too much. There will be a greater chance of injury due to fatigue and excessive costs of fuel consumption and engine wear and tear. Also, what if I want to run from the Nitnat Valley to the Juan De Fuca, do I have to run 12 hours extra by following the depth contours, when in just a few hours on a straight line I would be there? What about when I quit fishing to deliver, is there a time allotment to be there by?

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