

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHING ASSOCIATIONS

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To: Mr. Don Hansen, Chair
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From: Orlando Amoroso, President
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Subject: Nomination to Serve in the Highly Migratory Species Advisory
Sub-panel

Dear Mr. Hansen:

As you know, I have been serving on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Sub-panel (CPSAS) for a number of years and recently I have been nominated to continue serving an additional term. If accepted, I will continue to be the spokesperson for the purse seine vessel owners/operators.

As you also know, more than once in the past, I have addressed the Council on behalf of the longline vessel owners/operators that sail out of San Pedro. A few days ago, they asked me if I were willing to represent them at the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Sub-panel (HMSAS) meetings.

Presently, the HMSAS does not have a "longliner" on the sub-panel to represent or advocate the interests of the fishery. Considering the economic value of this industry and the extra-ordinary pressure that it is being applied to it from all directions, a sense of fairness would suggest that longline vessel owners/operators might deserve more dedicated representation. In view of this, I nominate myself to represent the "longliners" in the HMSAS.

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FROM: LILLO AUGELLO, PRESIDENT

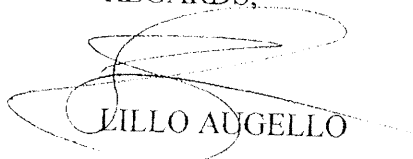
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MR. HANSEN,

THE LONGLINE FISHERY BASED IN CALIFORNIA IS FACING MULTIPLE HARDSHIPS DUE TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER FISHING RESTRICTIONS. MY COMPANY HAS BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THIS FISHERY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IN SO DOING, I AM AWARE OF THESE PROBLEMS AND THE DEVASTATING POTENTIAL THESE ISSUES COULD CREATE.

THE FISHERY NEEDS PROPER REPRESENTATION TO MAXIMIZE ITS CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL. I THINK MR. ORLANDO AMOROSO WITH HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REGARDING OUR INDUSTRY WOULD BE A GREAT CHOICE TO REPRESENT THE LONGLINE FISHERY ON THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUB-PANEL.

REGARDS,


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