

Exhibit C.6.e
Written Public Comments
June 2004

Subject: [Fwd: bottom fishing ban]
From: "PFMC Comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>
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Subject:bottom fishing ban
Date:Mon, 24 May 2004 18:55:49 -0700
From:Chris George
<georgewat@sbcglobal.net>
To:<pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

November 7, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I am just reading about your bottom fishing ban in the Monterey Herald this morning. As a seafood consumer, friend of the ocean and those who make their livelihood from the ocean waters, I am compelled to write and express my disdain for your policies. I believe you are completely wrong in recommending the closure of the bottom fishing season with all the implications for people who depend on the sea for their food and income. To close, even for a short time, such an important resource to our nation is profoundly foolish and shortsighted.

When you close the seasons as you often recommend, it puts an extreme hardship on businesses and their employees. I for one will recommend to the National Marine Fisheries Service that they deny your request for the ban. I pray that many other citizens will join in recommending to the NMFS that they overrule your foolish ideas.

Sincerely Yours,

Christopher A. George

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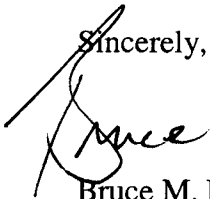
Re: Agenda item C.10

Dear Don:

The staff of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) would like to offer its support for the adoption and use of selective flatfish trawls. These types of trawls have been designed to reduce the bycatch of certain rockfish species during flatfish fishing, but have also shown promising results in reducing halibut bycatch. Research by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on selective flatfish trawls has demonstrated significant reductions in bycatch of Pacific halibut: 29% lower on the shelf and 46% on the slope, while having only small impact on the target catch. Reductions in halibut bycatch will result in higher catch limits for treaty and no-treaty commercial halibut fishermen, and recreational halibut anglers. For these reasons, we encourage the Council to consider this type of trawl as it refines management measures for 2005 and beyond.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Bruce M. Leaman
Executive Director

cc: IPHC Commissioners

To: Fish & Game Commission
Subject: Rock Cod closure on the Central Coast, and Shoreline fisherman

Date: April 4, 2004

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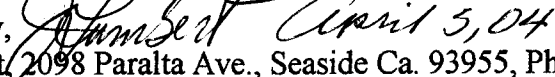
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Respectfully, 
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Respectfully, Name:

Mike Cowan

Date:

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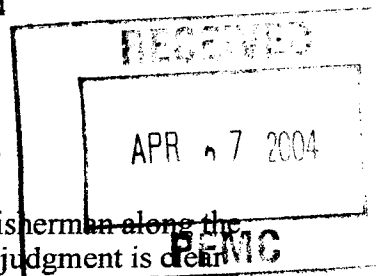
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Respectfully, Name: KURT BURGLIACDT Date: 4/19/04
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Burgliacdt".