

Subject: Re: Offshore Aquaculture.
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Jeremy Brown and Jill Likkel wrote:

Council Members,

NMFS has submitted to Congress legislation that would facilitate the development of offshore aquaculture around our coasts. The proposed legislation has many flaws, but of particular concern to you as Councillors, should be the proposed exemption from MSFCMA.

I strongly urge that the Council resist this undermining of its authority and that the Council demand final say over developments that will not only encroach upon Council jurisdiction but seriously affect resources under your jurisdiction which are already stressed to the point of ESA listings.

There has been no instance where aquaculture can be shown as a substitute for sound management to relieve pressure on depleted fisheries. There are many however where serious impacts have resulted.

Sincerely Jeremy Brown.

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