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Dear Chairman Hansen,

2008 will be the fifteenth year that the PFMC has been using Limited Entry coupled with cumulative landing limits as the groundfish management regime. During this time, there has never been a formal review or detailed analysis of how well this management has functioned. Has the Limited Entry program achieved it's goals and objectives? Has the combination of cumulative landing limits and Limited Entry been successful?

I respectfully request that the council and NMFS immediately begin a thorough analysis of this management. A comprehensive review is long overdue. This review is particularly pertinent at this time due to the council's desire to extend this management to Open Access. If this management regime has not accomplished the desired goals and objectives then continuing and expanding this management is both pointless and destructive.

Sincerely,
Laura Deach