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**PFMC**

Mr. Don Hansen, Chairman  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Portland, OR 97220-1384

RE: Council's 2009-10 SPEC Process

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The members of the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association are in support of a mandatory fixed-gear logbook program being completed during the 2009-10 SPEC process. It is our understanding that the GMT discussed including this action as part of the SPEC analysis and that the Council will make a decision whether to include a mandatory logbook program within the 2009-10 SPEC process.

During the last two sablefish stock assessments, a logbook program would have been very beneficial in verifying different data points or assumptions within the model. Currently, our Association is participating in a voluntary logbook program managed by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. It has had some success particularly on the North Coast. A logbook program that is federally required would provide coast-wide, unified information, not only for sablefish but for many rockfish species for which little data is available.

We support the Council approving a fixed-gear logbook program that would be coast-wide for analysis during the 2009-10 SPEC process.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Alverson  
Manager

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*I fish alot at Shelter Cove CA. This last season I used a homemade deep release device and stuck around to watch for floaters after release and saw none. Why arn't deep release devices like Bill Sheltons mandatory on all recreational fishing boats? Why can't they be given out with fishing licenses. They only cost like 4 bucks. Also there needs to be large color posters of the fish that can't be taken posted. That way there is no quesswork on the part of new anglers. I am disabled and fishing is one of the few things I can do. Closing the season was a huge blow to me.*

*Sincerely*

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