



April 7, 2008

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Ste. 101
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Members of the Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government, I would like to reiterate our long held position on the issue of fishing regulations within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), which follows:

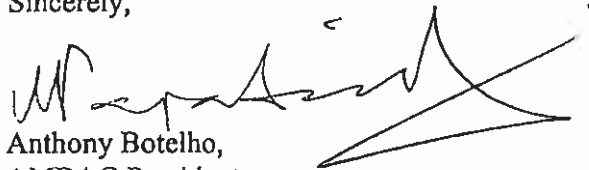
MBNMS should strive to utilize existing permit processes, regulations and organizations (e.g. California Depart of Fish & Game, National Marine Fisheries Service, etc.) to the extent feasible, prior to considering initiating their own.

Our Board of Directors has also reinstated this policy again in September of 2005 by stating:

"Support the original promise made to the fishing community, as found in the (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary) 1992 Designation Document, that fishing regulations were made by the appropriate State and Federal fishery management agencies."

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Botelho,
AMBAG President

cc. AMBAG Board of Directors
Paul Michel, MBNMS Superintendent