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Dear Council Members;

We are limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishermen from Port Orford, Oregon.

Here in Port Orford there are approximately thirty small family businesses that participate in the sablefish fishery. Often in the months of July, August, and September, sablefish concentrate in the shallows. The current fixed gear RCA allows us to access this economically vital resource.

Nobody we have spoken to: captains, crew, or three federal observers have ever witnessed yellow eye rockfish bycatch in the sablefish fishery with the current RCA lines in place.

Therefore, to be excluded from these productive fishing grounds by the expansion of the RCA seaward from 100fm to 125fm could only result in an unacceptable economic hardship for our fishermen, their families, and the greater Port Orford community. Federal observer data along with experiential observation substantiate no yelloweye rockfish bycatch.

Due to this, no conservation objective can result from this proposed expansion of the fixed gear RCA seaward. We understand Cape Blanco North is the preferred zoning. We request the line be placed at Cape Arago. Only economical hardship at a time when salmon closures and a down cycle in crab landing has us barely hanging on will be the harsh consequence if Cape Blanco is used as the southern boundary for this regulatory change.

Respectfully,

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F/V Providence B, Providence II

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F/V Miss Emily / Crystal / Sea's

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F/V Fantasy & Bottom Dollar

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