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Re: Support of Individual Fishing Quota

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Commissioners:  
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Dear Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council,

The commercial fishing industry has been a major contributor to Grays Harbor's economy since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Ocean Gold Seafoods/Ocean Cold, long-term Port tenants and industry leaders are one of these contributors. Through their innovation and forward thinking leadership, Westport has become one of the largest fish landing ports on the West Coast. Their commitment to our community and the seafood industry has been shown in the \$9 million dollar, 95,000 square foot cold storage facility recently opened in Westport. The "Ocean" family of companies is one of the largest employers in Grays Harbor County.

The Port of Grays Harbor would like to express our support for the IFQ alternative supported by the council in the recent 8-4 decision. This decision is in the best interests of the City of Westport and Grays Harbor County.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 360-533-9515.

Sincerely yours,

PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR

Leonard Barnes  
Deputy Executive Director

Cc: Ocean Gold Seafoods