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To members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council:

Yesterday during public testimony, Craig Urness made a statement that a meeting had been held where a proposal was presented regarding distribution of ITQ shares in the non-whiting groundfishery. This was described as 80% going to harvesters, 15% going to processors and 5% held back for adaptive management. Craig Urness reported there was a lot of interest in this proposal.

We have drafted and circulated the attached letter to show that this is not true. Most of us did not know about the meeting to which Craig is referring. We have not been able to identify any fisherman that is in agreement with the proposal.

We hope that this will correct the false impression that may have been created by Mr. Urness's testimony.

November 6, 2008

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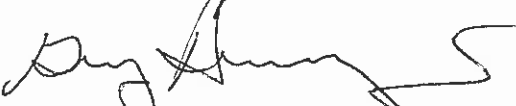

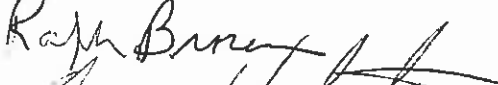


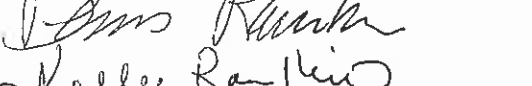







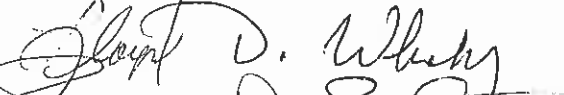


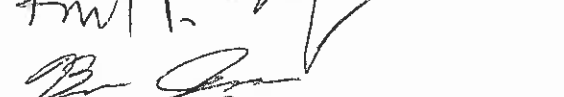

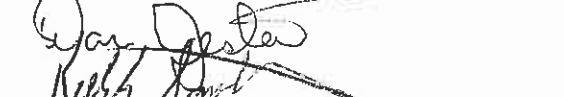
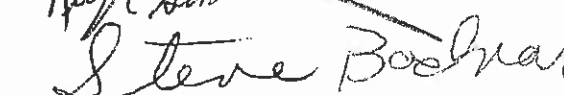

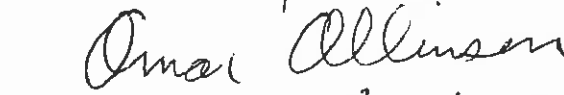


Dear Chairman and members of the Council,

We the undersigned representatives of the west coast groundfish trawl fleet wish to reiterate our support for 100% allocation to harvesters coupled with an Adaptive Management Program as a critical component of Amendment 20.

We support the Adaptive Management Program with the understanding that it is in lieu of any allocation of harvester shares to processors. We unanimously oppose any allocation of harvester shares to processors.

We believe the Adaptive Management Program, once more detail has been developed, can serve to meet important community stability needs and assist the Council in addressing unintended consequences. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Council and other stakeholders to flesh out the AMP.

Sincerely,

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