

Agenda Item F.3.h
Supplemental Public Comment 8
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Pacific Fishery Management Council
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October 29, 2008

Attn: Donald McIsaac, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Isaac:

As Executive Director for PFMC you will be meeting to decide the final outcome and structure of the IFQ program for the Pacific Ground-fish Trawl fishery. The direction of this vote will have permanent and long term implications for those of us who participate and survive in this industry.

As Owner and President of PHD Logistics, LLC, I have committed substantial resources over the past fifteen years toward the handling and transportation of ground-fish resources between shore-side processors and the end consumer. I employ an average of 30 individuals as drivers, fish handlers and office support and provide critical freight forwarding services to a number of small and medium size support businesses that also rely on this industry.

In order to maintain the investment and commitment in the communities I service, it is critical that the shore-side processors be guaranteed a minimum of a 20 percent allocation of the total fishing quota. Anything less will be devastating to the structure of my business and those of the businesses I support.

Please give careful consideration as you and the members of the council vote to secure our vital resources in balance with the needs of our industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick A. Price", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick A. Price
President

LeDuc Packaging Inc.

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November 3, 2008

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter serves to offer a few brief comments concerning the new Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program.

We, as a supplier to the processing industry, have seen over the course of several decades how companies such as Bornstein Seafoods contribute jobs, growth, and overall vitality to the communities in which they are located. The loss of the groundfish fishery would be a severe blow to those businesses and communities. Similarly, such a loss would have a significant adverse affect on our own revenues and employment levels, as well as those of the numerous other suppliers to the industry.

We urge you to recognize the important contributions of the processors to the seafood industry and the communities in which they operate.

Sincerely,

Philip G. LeDuc
President



October 23, 2008

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Dear Mr. Bornstein:

Brown Line LLC, the major carrier of sea food products along the West Coast, thanks you for your continuing efforts to promote a sustainable fishing industry throughout our Pacific coastline. We strongly feel that commercial fishing, subject to environmental parameters, is vital to the welfare of all of the participants of this industry, from the provisioning of the boats, the fishing community itself, the companies and individuals who fillet and process the seafood into a marketable offering, to the trucks that transport the products to the final consumers. All of these companies and their employees are mutually dependent on the other.

If a quota system is in place to govern fishing operations, it is imperative that an allocation of the seafood taken from our waters be tendered to the processing community. Fish processors have always taken the major responsibility of promoting the industry, establishing a market for the products, and finding the value for the seafood which all of the participants depend on.

A decline or curtailment of responsible fishing operations would seriously affect our company, from the numerous drivers who haul the products to established and new markets across the country to the mechanics and dock workers who keep our trucks rolling. Our capital expenses in trucks and trailers, our investment of training of a professional fleet of drivers, our staff of over 100 employees, trained to serve this industry are seriously jeopardized unless our partners in this industry, the seafood processor, has access to the very product it has striven to sustain, promote, and from which it generates the proceeds necessary for all involved.

Sincerely,

JASON JANSEN
GENERAL MANAGER
BROWN LINE, LLC

VersaCold

WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Bornstein Seafoods, Inc.
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October 27, 2008

Dear Collin,

I have read and appreciate you contacting me about the upcoming meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). If the PFMC doesn't allocate 20% of the total fishing quota to the shoreside processors it will have devastating results on our business and the employees involved in our day to day operations at Versacold.

We have 2 to 3 full time people whose jobs are directly tied to the freezing, handling, and storage of seafood at our facility in Lynden, WA. We hire up to 15 people periodically for higher than normal receipts of different seafood products. We have a value added seafood company leasing space from us that has become an integral part of our business. There are approximately 15 to 20 full time jobs in his company, and twice that many during months of heavy harvest. We also have hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of seafood processing equipment on site. We offer belt and tray freezing of many species of seafood.

The seafood industry now provides up to 10% of our revenue stream and would have a devastating effect on the people who would lose those jobs during a time of high unemployment in our state. The financial crisis in our country is large enough without adding additional job loss to the local economy. I would request that the PFMC weigh heavily how their decision would eliminate jobs, should they not consider an adequate quota of seafood to the shoreline processors of Washington and other affected states. Thank you for your consideration of this information during your decision making process!

Best Regards,



Dan Shuler
General Manager

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To Whom It May Concern

Several of our customers in the fishing community have made us aware of the pending decision to be made concerning the IFQ program. The decision if made that would diminish the quota of less than 20% would have long reaching effects not only of the land processing plants, and their communities, but as a supplier of mechanical goods to keeps these plants operational would force us to lay off personal.

Please think of spreading the wealth which helps to stabilize several rather than a selected few.

Sincerely,


Bill Andre
Pres.

Cc: Colin Bornstein, Borenstein Seafoods Inc.c





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October 28, 2008

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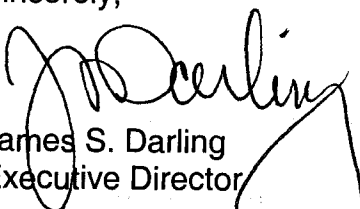
Dear Colin:

Thank you for your letter of October 22nd regarding the upcoming meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). As requested, I would offer the following comments on behalf of the Port of Bellingham.

- The Port of Bellingham supports the continuation of working waterfronts, including the valuable contributions made by local seafood processors.
- The Port of Bellingham places a high value on continuing waterfront employment opportunities and we encourage the Pacific Fishery Management Council to recognize the contributions of processors to local communities and the seafood industry.
- Our local waterfronts in Blaine, Bellingham and Fairhaven have a longstanding tradition of contributing to their local communities by participating in the seafood processing industry. The Port of Bellingham supports Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQs) that help to stabilize both the fisheries and our local communities that depend on them.

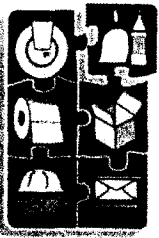
Please let us know if there is anything else that we can do to assist you.

Sincerely,



James S. Darling
Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Doug Smith
Commissioner Scott Walker
Commissioner Jim Jorgensen



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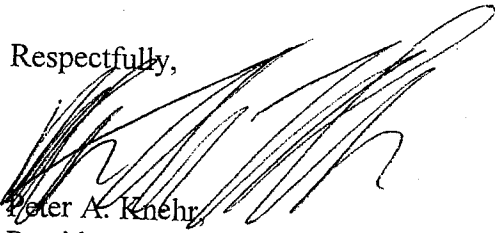
Mr. Colin Bornstein
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With the desire that you and your Company would be willing to carry this letter and the associated sentiment to the upcoming Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) meeting in November and share same with them, I would like to weigh-in on the question of Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ's).

Considering the recent past and current status quo approach to fishery management, an IFQ program, which takes into consideration an allocation of quota for shoreside processors, is imperative for the survival of these processors and those businesses that support them.

As President of our Company, I have been asked to speak for our 70 employee family members to request of the PFMC that they allocate a generous quota for shore side processors.

Respectfully,


Peter A. Knehr
President