



CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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March 15, 2009
Don Hanson, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Re: In-season adjustment

Chairman Hanson and Council Members:

The Crab Boat Owners Association of San Francisco represents the working fishing men and women of the San Francisco Bay Area. Our members fish for crab, salmon, herring, rockfish, black cod, California halibut and albacore. We are a 50 foot and under fleet.

It has come to our attention that the black cod quotas for open access have not increased for 2009 when the other sector quotas have seen dramatic increases in 2009 over-all and bi-monthly quotas. Was there some mistake here? This doesn't seem equitable.

Some of our members are relying on open access black cod as they are unable to fish for salmon this summer. We're hoping that our harbor's fleet can stay intact while waiting for the salmon to return.

We are requesting an in-season adjustment be made to correct this disparity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Collins".

Larry Collins, President

cc: John Devore
cc: Dan Platt