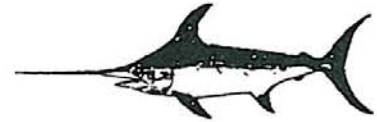


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Donald McIsaac,  
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Dear Dr. McIssac,

I am saddened by the Council's recent decision not to pursue an HMS FMP plan amendment to establish a high-seas, limited-entry pelagic longline fishery. Once again, my humble attempt to help establish a west coast fishery option in line with nationally and internationally accepted fishery management goals has run afoul of Washington and California state policy interests.

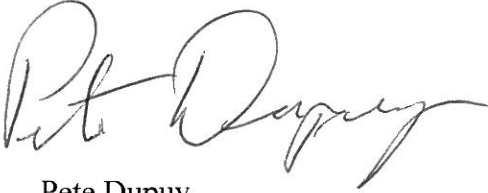
You must be embarrassed by such provincial manipulation of national interests. I know I would be. I have repeatedly seen both Washington and California ignore HMS Advisory Subpanel, Management Team, and even Science and Statistical Committee recommendations when it comes to pelagic longline issues. Unfortunately, the general lack of HMS expertise among remaining Council members allows Washington and California to get away with disguising their intentions. If Washington and California truly had concerns about latent effort transference to the high-seas longline fishery, their Management Team representatives would have worked it out during the formulation of the action alternatives. No. This was not an oversight. Washington meant to kill this action, and California was complicit. But why?

I assume that Washington and California politics aligns with some of the environmental lobby. Ironically, as has been scientifically determined, the environmental lobby's efforts to protect sea turtles and other marine life by opposing this use of longline gear, actually increases such impacts by substituting regulated U.S. fishing for unregulated foreign fishing. Washington and California's actions promote increased marine life destruction in the name of protecting it. What can be done?

Since 1993, I have invested enormous amounts of time and money supporting the Pacific Council's development and implementation of the HMS FMP. All for nothing. I have come to the sad realization that Washington and California's status and influence on Council decision making is aimed at driving me out of business. They have created prejudice where none is due. I have little choice but to cut my losses and try to align my fishing activities with a Council that takes the U.S. HMS fishing industry seriously.

I do not blame you. I believe you do your best.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pete Dupuy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pete Dupuy

cc: Rod McInnis  
Jane Lubchenco