Agenda Item F.6.b Public Comment for Preliminary Preferred Management Measures for 2017-2018 Fisheries:

Ms Chair Lowman, Vice Chair Pollard members of the Council. My name is Bill James I am a Nearshore Commercial fisherman and Fisheries Consultant for Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association.

We request for the Management years of 2017-2018 the following:

1) Shallow Nearshore Species 1000lbs./ 2 months

2) Deeper Nearshore species 1000lbs.

3) Lingcod 400lbs. per month when Nearshore is open

4) Shelf Species 500lbs- 700lbs per month when Nearshore is open

5) Allow open access / Nearshore to fish 0-40 fathoms.

6) Canary Rockfish 200lbs/ month when Nearshore/ open access is open

Document 2016 March 28 Yellow is Observed Yelloweye Rockfish catch data I requested from Jason J at NMFS observer program. It shows NO OBSERVED YELLOWEYE ROPCKFISH IN THE AREA OF PT. CONCEPTION TO ANA NUEVA or better known as the South Central Nearshore area which Port San Louis in. This information warrants access to waters 0 to at least 40 fathoms and possibly deeper.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Sincerely,

Bill James

3.3.3 Fishing Communities

West Coast communities participating in the trawl catch share program are combined into 18 port groups to preserve confidentiality within ports and to evaluate personal income impacts of proposed management measures. A detailed description of these communities and their dependence and engagement in groundfish fisheries can be found in the 2015-2016 Groundfish Specification FEIS (Council 2015a).

Table 3-4, taken from the 2014 Groundfish SAFE document (PFMC 2014), presents values for community engagement and dependence on commercial groundfish fisheries. Engagement is defined as groundfish ex-vessel revenue in the port as a percent of coastwide groundfish ex-vessel revenue for the 2003-2012 baseline period. Similarly, dependence is defined as groundfish ex-vessel revenue in the port as percent of total ex-vessel revenue in port during the baseline period. [For these calculations, revenues are inflation-adjusted to 2012 dollar values.]

Engagement and dependence values can be developed for recreational fisheries using a similar methodology. For recreational fisheries, the metric is the number of angler trips. Engagement is measured by dividing the number of groundfish-directed angler trips in the port by the coastwide number of groundfish angler trips during the baseline period. Dependence is measured by dividing the number of groundfish-directed angler trips in the port by the total number of angler trips in the port during the baseline period.

South and central Washington, Astoria, and Newport have the highest engagement in the fishery in terms of a share of coastwide groundfish ex-vessel revenue. In contrast, ports with high dependence values, defined as groundfish ex-vessel revenue in the port as a percent of the total ex-vessel revenue, are more geographically dispersed, with Morro Bay at the top of the rankings, followed by Puget Sound and the north Washington Coast. Southern California ports (Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and San Diego) are neither highly engaged, nor dependent on commercial groundfish fisheries. Trawl fisheries (counting both the whiting and non-whiting segments) dominate the coast from the south and central Washington port group to Fort Bragg, California. The non-nearshore, fixed-gear fishery is important in central and southern California and in the Puget Sound region.

Table 3-4. Commercial fishery engagement and dependence scores and rank, primary and secondary fisheries, for the 2003 to 2012 baseline period for each port group. Data are based on 2012 inflation-adjusted, ex-vessel revenue.

Port Group	Engagement	Engagement Rank	Dependence	Dependence Rank	Primary Fishery	Secondary Fishery
Puget Sound	4.8%	9	43.6%	3	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
North WA coast	6.6%	5	44.7%	2	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
South and central WA coast	14.0%	3	14.2%	11	Shoreside Whiting Trawl	Non-Nearshore Fixed Gear
Astoria	18.0%	1	37.2%	4	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Shoreside Whiting Trawl
Tillamook	0.3%	18	5.3%	15	Nearshore Fixed Gear	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
Newport	15.0%	2	30.1%	7	Shoreside Whiting Trawl	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
Coos Bay	8.4%	4	21.8%	9	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear
Brookings	5.3%	7	32.1%	6	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear
Crescent City	2.4%	13	10.0%	13	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Nearshore Fixed Gear
Eureka	6.0%	6	26.2%	8	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear
Fort Bragg	5.1%	8	36.4%	5	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear
Bodega Bay	0.4%	17	3.7%	16	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
San Francisco	2.5%	12	9.2%	14	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*	Non-Nearshore Fixed Gear
Monterey	2.7%	11	16.0%	10	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Shoreside Non-whiting Trawl*
Morro Bay	4.5%	10	64.7%	1	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Nearshore Fixed Gear
Santa Barbara	1.4%	15	2.7%	18	Non-Nearshore Fixed Gear	Nearshore Fixed Gear
Los Angeles	1.5%	14	3.2%	17	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Nearshore Fixed Gear
San Diego	1.0%	16	10.1%	12	Non-nearshore Fixed Gear	Nearshore Fixed Gear

*Shoreside non-whiting trawl includes non-trawl IFQ in 2011-2012.

There is a trend towards increasing concentration of ex-vessel revenue in major fishing ports, particularly in southern coastal Washington and northern Oregon (Figure 3.10). For all groundfish fisheries, the share of coastwide revenue flowing to the top -ranked ports in the northern Oregon coast (includes Astoria and Newport), and Washington (namely Ilwaco) Figure 3.10 shows the percent change in ex-vessel revenues, by region, for ports that remained active in the IFQ fishery in 2015. All the aggregated regions in Figure 3-10 have experienced declines in ex-vessel revenue associated with limited entry trawl permit groundfish with the exception of the northern Oregon Coast (Astoria/Newport) and Washington (aggregated to preserve confidentiality).

In conjunction with decreases in trawl-groundfish permit revenue, ports in California and southern Oregon have had increases in ex-vessel revenues from crab and shrimp, as well as from other fisheries (largely coastal pelagic species). Fishermen's flexibility regarding quota use in the IFQ program may encourage the optimization of a multifishery portfolio, buoying overall port ex-vessel revenues despite the decline in groundfish landings across much of the coast.

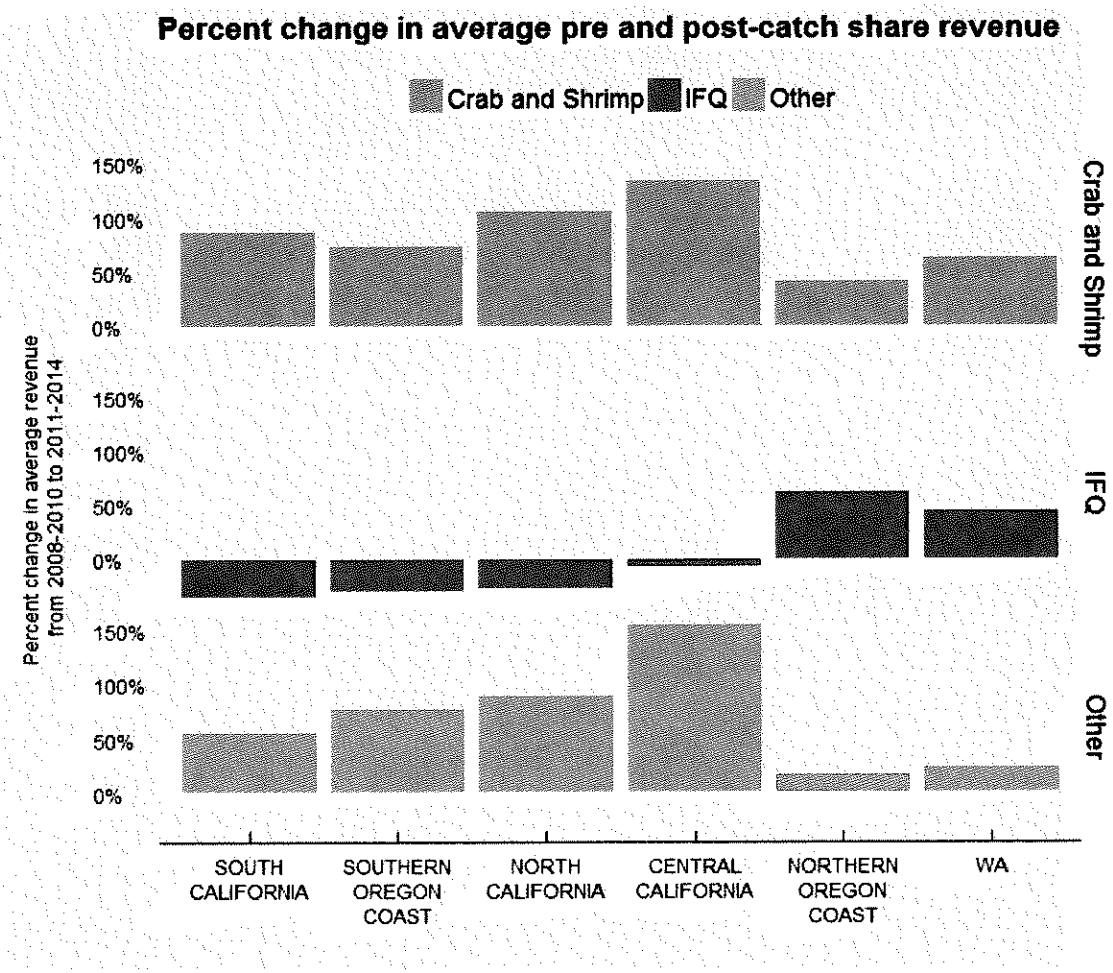

Figure 3-10. Percent change in pre and post-IFQ ex-vessel revenue by fishery and port-region (1995-2015).

			Observed					Observed			Fleet-Wide			
Years combined	Area	DepthBin.fm	No.vessels	No.trips	No.sets	Grouping	Species	ObservedDiscard.lbs	ObservedRetained.lbs	DiscardRatio	TotalLandings.lbs	GrossDiscard.lbs	MortalityRate	DiscardMortality.lbs
2013-14	North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	0-10	60	163	179	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	113.05	27343.13	0.00413	386342.02	1597.33	0.32	511.15
2013-14	North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	10-20	62	229	260	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	605.21	41707.69	0.01451	501928.80	7283.36	0.56	4078.68
2013-14	North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	>20	16	18	18	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	268.25	3082.68	0.08702	25516.59	2220.41	1	2220.41
2013-14	OR-CA line to 4010 Mgmt Line	0-10	6	17	24	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	51.25	8584.22	0.00597	65820.22	392.96	0.32	125.75
2013-14	OR-CA line to 4010 Mgmt Line	>10	7	46	52	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	133.4	16011.63	0.00833	7900.14	65.82	1	65.82
2013-14	4010 Mgmt Line to Ano Nuevo, CA	0-10	9	31	48	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	2807.60	n.a.	59642.41	0.00	1	0.00
2013-14	4010 Mgmt Line to Ano Nuevo, CA	>10	11	63	83	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	24.85	8272.50	0.00300	20909.53	62.81	1	62.81
2013-14	Ano Nuevo, CA to Pt. Conception	0-10	11	26	30	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	1527.00	n.a.	298807.97	0.00	1	0.00
2013-14	Ano Nuevo, CA to Pt. Conception	>10	14	61	69	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	3788.20	n.a.	14776.51	0.00	1	0.00
2013-14	South of Pt. Conception	0-10	11	25	37	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	5265.91	n.a.	154276.89	0.00	1	0.00
2013-14	South of Pt. Conception	10-20	8	16	18	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	4831.54	n.a.	70622.32	0.00	1	0.00
2013-14	South of Pt. Conception	>20	3	10	10	Yelloweye rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	0	439.00	n.a.	15731.38	0.00	1	0.00

Field	Description
Years combined	For the purposes of meeting confidentiality, the data from 2013 and 2014 were combined. Value="2013-14"
Area	Areas requested. See below for specific areas.
DepthBin.fm	Depth bin, in fathoms 0-10, 10-20, >20. Note that, to meet confidentiality, the 10-20 bin has been combined with the >20 bin in some areas
No.vessels	Number of observed vessels
No.trips	Number of observed trips
No.sets	Number of observed sets
Grouping	Management group that the species belongs to
Species	Common name of the species
ObservedDiscard.lbs	Observed discarded weight, in pounds
ObservedRetained.lbs	Observed retained weight of Nearshore species, in pounds
DiscardRatio	Discard ratio used to expand to the unobserved portion of the fleet. Calculated as ObservedDiscard.lbs/ObservedRetained.lbs
TotalLandings.lbs	Total landed weight, in pounds, of Nearshore species. Obtained from fish tickets and allocated to depth using proportion of ObservedRetained.lbs
GrossDiscard.lbs	Weight of fish, in pounds, discarded without mortality rate
MortalityRate	Species-depth specific mortality rate
DiscardMortality.lbs	Weight of fish, in pounds, discarded multiplied by the species-depth specific mortality rate

Area	Depth Bins and Observed Depth Ranges (fathoms)
North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	bin: 0-10, range: 2.0-10.0
North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	bin: 10-20, range: 10.1-20.0
North of 42.0 N OR-CA line	bin: >20, range: 20.1-101.0
OR-CA line to 4010 Mgmt Line	bin: 0-10, range: 1.0-10.0
OR-CA line to 4010 Mgmt Line	bin: >10, range: 10.50-21.0
4010 Mgmt Line to Ano Nuevo, CA	bin: 0-10, range: 4.5-10.0
4010 Mgmt Line to Ano Nuevo, CA	bin: >10, range: 10.25-22.0
Ano Nuevo, CA to Pt. Conception	bin: 0-10, range: 2.0-10.0
Ano Nuevo, CA to Pt. Conception	bin: >10, range: 10.5-23.5
South of Pt. Conception	bin: 0-10, range: 4.0-10.0
South of Pt. Conception	bin: 10-20, range: 10.5-17.5
South of Pt. Conception	bin: >20, range: 24.0-52.0