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Mr. Herb Pollard  
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Dear Mr. Pollard,

I am writing for the Port of Umpqua in support of the PFMC expanding the sardine fishery on the Central Oregon Coast as I've been told you will be taking up at your next meeting in mid-November. We have a very small private business here in Winchester Bay Oregon that sells bait to the local fishermen. This young couple have struggled through tough times and continue to operate because the local fleet and recreational fishermen have a need for bait. Umpqua Bait continues to provide this much needed, though small, amenity to our locals and tourists. No doubt you have been deluged with requests in the past emphasizing the dire economic conditions in our region and the whole South Coast of Oregon. This small but significant business truly epitomizes the plight of regulatory restricting the ability for these folks to make a living and meet a demand.

I appreciate very much the Councils favorable consideration in increasing the harvest of these bait fish for the small local businesses.

Respectfully,

Charmaine Vitek, District Manger  
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