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I can't believe I am writing again on this issue. What do we taxpayers need to do to get some responses to concerns we take the time to write on? I have written at least twice on the non-targeted killing of the drift nets along the California coast.

You know how long these nets are – at least 1 mile which are meant for swordfish and certain species of shark. What it does is create this enormous wall of netting death entangling and killing protected marine mammals, sea turtles and sperm whales. Countless other non-targeted species are caught up in this web of death.

It is my understanding that in 2016, not only California politicians but also those in the US Congress asked you, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, to support a transition plan that included a definitive end to drift gillnets off the West Coast.

So, what is the plan?

I have read that deep-set buoy gear is showing strong promise as an alternative fishing gear type that could effectively target swordfish with much less by-catch than the drift gillnets or pelagic longlines. Something needs to be done so as not to continue to waste our planet's valuable resources with this continued mass killing/waste of resources to say nothing about the unneeded suffering.

Again, we are in 2017 and again, I am asking that your Council do something **SOMETHING** to safeguard our planet's valuable ocean resources - maybe a cap and strict monitoring - **DO SOMETHING**.

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