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Subject: June 2017 Briefing Book F-7 Specifications and Management Measure Process for 2019-2020 Fisheries

To: "pfmc.comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Mr. Chair Pollard , Mr. Vice Chair Anderson , Members of the Council:

My name is Bill James. I am a California Commercial Nearshore Fisherman, and the Fishery Consultant Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association. PSLCFA and myself request the following changes for the 2019-2020 management cycle.

1). Nearshore Commercial Fishery in the area of 34:27 to 40:10 to be a year round fishery. Open all 6 bi-monthly periods. Currently the fishery is closed March-April. The Nearshore Commercial fishermen, the live fish markets, and support industries need a constant flow of fish to be profitable. For the last 10 years we have been underfishing the nearshore fish stocks. Our Nearshore fish stocks are robust and can handle the extra bi-monthly period of fishing pressure.

2) Open Access Commercial Fishery in the area of 34:27 to 40:10. Increase the Shelf Rockfish bi-monthly trip limit to 2000 pounds open all year using only the "Emily-Platt" vertical line gear with a 30 foot buffer between the bottom hook and the sinker. Also this increase in Shelf Rockfish trip limit is allowed only in the depth range of 30 to 100 fathoms using only the "Emily-Platt" vertical gear.

Thank You,

Bill James

From: Bill James <HalibutBill@live.com>

Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:17 PM

Subject: PFMC Meeting June 2017 F.7 Specifications and Management Measure Process for 2019-2020 Fisheries

To: "pfmc.comments" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Mr Chair Pollard, Mr. Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Council:

My name is Bill James. I am a Nearshore Commercial Fishermen and fisheries consultant for PSLCFA. The Open Access and Nearshore Commercial fishermen from PSL (Avila) request additional changes for the 2019-2020 management cycle.

Trip Limits for Open Access South of 40:10 N. lat. to 34:27 N. lat.

Minor Shelf 400 lb./ 2 mo. open all periods (1-6)

Bocaccio 500lb./ 2 mo. open all periods (1-6)

Lingcod 400 lb./ monthly open all periods (1-6).

These changes will allow for a maintainable year round commercial groundfish fishery for the groundfish dependent ports of PSL, Morro Bay, and other central California ports.

Sincerely, Bill James