

***H&M Landing***

November 8, 2017

Mr. Philip Anderson  
Chairman Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, SUITE 101  
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Request and recommendation for increased fishing accesses in RCA and CCA

Dear Mr. Anderson,

H&M Landing represents a fleet of 30 CPFV's that target both groundfish as well as pelagic species recreationally here in San Diego.

Each year, we transport tens of thousands of recreational anglers both near coastal as well as offshore in pursuit of one of our favorite past times...fishing.

15 years ago, our fleet proactively gave up traditional territory as a result of the best science available at the time that indicated stocks were depleted and there seemed no end in sight.

This management measure resulted in devastating loss of business for many, as well as decreased opportunity for the public at large.

Those who survived this great restriction, became more lean and adapted to the restricted boundaries from which access has been granted.

After 15 years of refining science and great sacrifice by the fleet and the customers they serve, science and statistics dictate we gain back a portion of the territory we gave up, and with reasonable justification as follows:

- Increased territory will result in a shift of effort by the fleet resulting in less pressure on near shore species
- With bocaccio declared rebuilt and cowcod on track to being rebuilt by 2019, access will enhance management is appropriate and timely
- Within the CCA, cowcod are typically found at depths in excess of 75 fathoms. We are reasonably requesting a max depth of 40 fathoms at this time
- The non-trawl commercial fleet was granted access to 75 fathoms in 2017
- Within the CCA, vessels are not allowed to possess groundfish when in depths in excess of 20 fathoms. Our fleet routinely will target pelagic's within this region and maintaining a depth of 20

fathoms restricts their efforts over a broad area. Granting a depth of 40 fathoms inside the CCA will further ensure compliance with regards to this effort

- Electronic logging of catches will ensure accuracy and timely data in the event adjustments need to be made
- Credit needs to be given for the evolution and successful use of descending devices to eliminate by-catch

As the managing partner of one of the West Coast's largest fleet, I feel these asks are justified based on relevant data available to fisheries managers. Our fleet has sacrificed for over a decade and a half in an attempt to rebuild stocks to sustainable levels.

Now is the time for resources managers to send a clear signal to our fleet and the customers we serve that by proactively collaborating, we have effectively managed a resource back to a level that we can once again access as well as sustain.

I appreciate your every consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Frank T. Ursitti

Manager H&M Landing

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November 13, 2017  
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Thank you

Sincerely,



Captain Greg Ewart

Ventura Sportfishing

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Alvin Faustino



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Stephen Chesley

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Thank you

*Shirley Carrell*

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Vannessa Chavez



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Teresa Ewart

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SAC Board Member

CLTFA Board Member

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Sincerely,  
Ryan Burdick



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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am a customer of Ventura Sportfishing Inc.

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Thank you

Sincerely,  
Mary Lowande





# FREEDOM SPORTFISHING SAN PEDRO, CA

141 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., San Pedro, Ca 90731 • 310-832-8304

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Mr. Philip Anderson, Chair  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, OR 97220-1384

Re: Freedom Sportfishing recommendation for increased fishing access in RCA and CCA

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Freedom is an 85 ft. sportfishing vessel based out of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Landing in San Pedro, Ca. We are primarily an overnight boat, however we also offer multi day trips throughout the season. On average, we take approximately 200 anglers; experienced and novice, fishing on a weekly basis. We have built relationships with many fishermen in the local community.

The mission of this letter is to recommend increasing the depth restriction in the existing Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) to 75 fathoms as well as recommend increasing the depth restriction in the existing California Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCA) to 40 fathoms. This is a primary concern for us for many reasons:

Having a depth increase in the CCA and RCA would give us the ability to participate in the winter fishery which was taken from us because of closures.

It would also create more revenue not only for the landing but for our crew and captains, which will provide more income for their families in the offseason.

Having CCA access to 40 fathoms would be extremely beneficial to our entire fleet because currently we are not allowed to possess any rockfish in greater than 20 fathoms. Many instances we may find pelagic fish outside of 20 fathoms but not allowed to possess any rockfish.

The advantage to this in the CCA is on days where there is slow pelagic fishing, we would now have other options for our passengers.

The use of electronic log books is a means for accurate accounting of our catch.

Increased depth access in the CCA and RCA will alleviate pressure on near-shore species

Thank you for the opportunity to consider our requests.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jessop  
Owner/Operator



# ULTRA Sportfishing

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November 8, 2017

Mr. Philip Anderson, Chair  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Re: Ultra Sportfishing recommendation for increased fishing access in RCA and CCA

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Ultra is a 50 ft. sportfishing vessel based out of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Landing in San Pedro, Ca. We are primarily a private charter boat but on occasion do run open party trips throughout the season. We offer a variety of limited load trips; from 3/4 day to 2 day charters. We average over 175 charters a year, many being long time customers. We have built relationships with individuals as well as companies.

The purpose of this letter is to recommend an increase in the depth restriction in the existing Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) to 75 fathoms as well as recommend an increase the depth restriction in the existing California Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCA) to 40 fathoms. We believe the depth increase would be beneficial for a few reason:

- A greater revenue would be created for our crew, which would provide a greater income during the offseason
- An depth increase in the CCA and RCA would give us more opportunities to fish waters that have been untapped for many years and relieve pressure from many areas that have been fished hard due to previous closures and restrictions
- Being restricted to only 20 fathoms, we are unable to fish for any pelagic fish that we may come across as we are prohibited from having rockfish aboard
- The increase of depths would give us more opportunities to present to our passengers when pelagic fishing is slow
- The use of electronic log books allows for a more punctual accounting of the days catch
- In the CCA, cowcod are predominately located in 75 fathoms or deeper; we are requesting access only to be increased to 40 fathoms

Thank you for taking the time to consider our requests.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jessop  
Owner





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Re: Monte Carlo Sportfishing recommendation for increased fishing access in RCA and CCA

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Monte Carlo is a local reputable half-day boat out of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Landing in San Pedro, Ca. The owners are requesting an increase of depths in the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) to 75 fathoms and in the California Cowcod Association (CCA) to 40 fathoms. We consider these requests to be acceptable due to the following:

- Having the RCA depths increased to 75 fathoms would greatly enhance the ability to provide more options to passengers as well as alleviate pressure inside existing fathom restrictions for the RCA
- It would greatly increase ability to draw more customers during the allotted rockfish season which would in turn increase the revenue for the boat, crew and landing
- The increase in revenue would trickle down to other sources who play a vital role in the success of sport boats – fuel dock, local tackle stores and fishing licenses for the state of California
- Bocaccio are now rebuilt and cowcod are predicted to rebuild in 2019. Now is the time to explore access to areas that have been prohibited to ensure management is appropriate in the near future
- The non-trawl commercial fleet were given access to 75 fathoms in January 2017

Thank you for taking the time to consider our requests.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Jeff Jessop, is written over the "Sincerely," and "Jeff Jessop" text.