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Date: Mon, May 28, 2018 at 11:35 PM  
Subject: Support of Agenda Item E.2, attachment 4  
To: [pmmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pmmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Dear Council Members:

I would like to extend my support for the Chilipepper Long leader EFP, Item E.3 Attachment 4. This is a brilliant opportunity to satisfy the California fisherman by giving him/her the opportunity to fish in waters that have been closed for some time, while at the same time collecting important data. Most importantly, it will take the pressure off of the near shore fishing, which is suffering from the constant pressure from our local fishermen. I hope you will consider this an opportunity that will benefit everyone in your industry and make a lot of fisherman very grateful to allow this to EFP to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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From: **Bill Karr** <[wonnorth@pacbell.net](mailto:wonnorth@pacbell.net)>  
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To: [pmmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pmmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Dear Sirs and Ms., for far too long we have disallowed deep water rock fishing to the detriment of shallow water species that are far more threatened, and actually suffering more fishing pressure by the near-shore pursuit of rockfish. To spread this pressure, we should allow the Chilipepper Long Leader EFP, referenced as Item #.2 Attachment 4. It only makes sense that we would pursue an underutilized species that is not suffering from fishing pressure to help take pressure off the nearshore, more heavily fished species. This would most certainly reduce fishing pressure on yelloweye and cowcod, which are of special concern. It might, in fact, become a highly sought-after "new sport" for ocean anglers-- it certainly appeals to me to see what lives "down there"! Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Karr, Editor  
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I support the Chilipepper Long Leader EFP, Item E.2 Attachment 4.

Sincerely,

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## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

TO: The Pacific Fishery Management Council

I would really really like you to know that I support your Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP.  
So I am asking you to support it and all fishermen and fish too.

May you all be blessed with wisdom and discernment.

Rita Sorrenti & Bill Sorrenti

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I support chilipepper long leader EFR. It's a new game fish project that's needed on California.

Don Giottonini  
President  
Sacramento Safari Club

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Subject: CHILLIPEPPER/YELLOWTAILLONGLEADER EFP  
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I support expanding fishing opportunities offered by this proposal.  
Expansion of fishing grounds/other species will relieve pressure on near shore species and enhance opportunity for all participants.

From: **Ray Campodonico** <[campyof@gmail.com](mailto:campyof@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: EFP for Chilipeper  
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I would like to take this opportunity to express for Agenda item E2, Attachment 4, Chilipeper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP. This is a resource that can be harvested based on scientific methods. The up side would lesson pressure on nearshore rock fish stocks.

Ray Campy

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From: **Dave Woodward** <[Dave.Woodward@intusurg.com](mailto:Dave.Woodward@intusurg.com)>  
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I support taking pressure off the near shore by pursuing underutilized species. I want to target species outside the current depth limits and enjoy fishing. This program was Federally approved in Oregon and I would like to enjoy the privilege in California. I want to enjoy fishing in water closed to opportunity for some time, with a method proven to reduce mortality to species of special concern like yelloweye and cowcod. I support innovation and want to be part of this pilot project.

Thank you for your time.

David Woodward

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I strongly support the Chili pepper Yellowtail Long Leader Recreational Fishing Project. While I appreciate being able to fish off our coast, the idea of hitting the same local reefs results in catching fish that haven't had sufficient time to mature. Anglers need the ability to fish deeper water for more mature and varied species like Chilipeper. Please approve this project and gather data that will allow us to fish deeper in the future.

Regards,

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From: **Meee** <[nexform@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nexform@sbcglobal.net)>  
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I support allowing sport fishing for chili peppers using the proven method of long leaders. I understand Oregon now allows this and want the same opportunity in California. How about it?

Darren Kim

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From: **darrell ticehurst** <[dj.ticehurst@gmail.com](mailto:dj.ticehurst@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: Chilipepper long leader EFP (item E.2 Attachment 4)  
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I wish to support the subject EFP as an important step in researching the feasibility of a recreational season for this species. As both a former council member and also a retired Chairman of the Coastside Fishing Club I can offer perspective from both viewpoints.

Previous EFP's have proven that the long leader technique really does target chilipepper which are seldom fished and very abundant. The long leader technique avoids the taking of overfished species such as yelloweye as observers on these early EFP trips can testify. Major benefits include the possibility of establishing a recreational offshore fishing season and reducing pressure on nearer shore species. The great body of barotrauma research on the effective use of deep water releases can virtually eliminate loss from even incidental bycatch while allowing this productive fishery. In support of this program I note that Oregon has taken positive steps to approve this type of deep water fishing for chilipepper. Establishing enough data to help justify this approach in California is a strong reason to support this EFP. I urge the council to approve this EFP.

Darrell Ticehurst  
former PFMC member, retired Chairman, Coastside Fishing Club

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From: <[captain@wavewalker.com](mailto:captain@wavewalker.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 at 5:49 PM  
Subject: Regarding proposal for a chilipepper long-leader EFP  
To: [pmmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pmmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Hello,

As a charter captain with a good understand of how various species of fish orient within the water column, I strongly support and ask for approval of the long-leader EFP targeting chilipepper and yellowtail rockfish in the recreation RCA, submitted by Capt. Tom Mattusch. I know him to be a well-informed and greatly-experienced fishing captain who has been involved in many fisheries research projects and fisheries management processes.

This proposed EFP will allow recreation use of underutilized, mid-column fish species while not putting fishing pressure on specific species of concern such as cowcod and yelloweye rockfish. The sportfishing community and sportfishing fleet of boats for hire need this and other innovative opportunities to put our passengers on fish and yet maintain good conservation values. This EFP will give us the opportunity to test the viability of what may become a great help for recreational anglers

Sincerely,

Capt. David Bacon  
WaveWalker Charters  
Hook, Line & Sinker fishing center  
Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (recreational fishing seat)  
MPA Collaborative member

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Subject: support of Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: Chilipepper/YellowtailLong Leader EFP  
To: [pmmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pmmc.comments@noaa.gov)

To Whom it May Concern:

I support taking pressure off the near shore by pursuing underutilized species. I would like to target species outside the current depth limits and enjoy fishing more. This program was Federally approved in Oregon, I would like to enjoy the privilege in California. I also want to enjoy fishing in water closed to opportunity for some time, with a method proven to reduce mortality to species of special concern like yelloweye and cowcod. I support innovation and want to be part of this pilot project. Thank you for your kind consideration, W D Andrews, avid angler.

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From: **Steve Hamber** <[steve.hamber@navico.com](mailto:steve.hamber@navico.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 30, 2018 at 7:01 AM  
Subject: Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4 Justification for EFP  
To: "[pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmtc.comments@noaa.gov)>, "[pfmtc.nominations@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmtc.nominations@noaa.gov)" <[pfmtc.nominations@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmtc.nominations@noaa.gov)>

Gentleman and Ladies:

I support the Chili pepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP, Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4 submitted by Huli Cat Capt Tom Mattusch. I recently saw Oregon has recently approved long leader fishing as long leader fishing for midwater species was recently Federally approved from an Oregon EFP conducted 7 years ago by the Recreational Fishing Alliance. California's RCA and the CCA have restricted areas accessible to recreational fishermen for some time. A California commercial EFP showed a 25' leader tremendously reduced contact with species of special concern, like Yelloweye and Cowcod in California yet proved the technique caught midwater species and avoided cow cod and yelloweye. With the implementation of MPA's that prevent fishing in certain nearshore areas, anglers have been pushed into smaller and smaller areas to fish. I support this innovative process to give anglers of California more fishing opportunities and experiences. Please help take pressure off nearshore stocks by approving this Exempted Fishery Permit. Permit anglers to target Federally classified underutilized species like chilipepper with this EFP. Many fishery managers acknowledge stock assessment funding is lacking everywhere on the west coast. Stocks of yelloweye may actually be much higher than current studies show. Camera studies of Cowcod show many more than former techniques revealed. Yelloweye and Cowcod will not be impacted in this study. I urge you to permit anglers to enjoy greater depths and to pursue species they formerly enjoyed without restriction.

I also support innovative sonar used on the Huli Cat. This appears to be a skipper and angler concerned about the environment and stock assessments.

Best Regards  
Steve Hamber

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From: **Jim Halfmoonbay** <[j65hmb@yahoo.com](mailto:j65hmb@yahoo.com)>  
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Good Morning,

I'm sending this e-mail in support of Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4: Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP. As a local resident who supports and enjoys sport fishing, I support this agenda item, as it will open a new opportunity to responsibly harvest these species; species, which have a healthy population and are not in danger. By adopting this method of fishing, it will protect species which are in danger, while at the same time and in the same area, allow responsible fishing and harvesting of targeted rock fish.

I would like to participate in this program, which has already been Federally approved in Oregon. By adopting this, it will allow me to target species outside the current depth limits, while protecting those species prohibited from being harvested. We need to think outside the box to expand sportfishing opportunities, while protecting certain species. This type of innovative pilot program allows for just that. The addition of new species responsibly harvested through sport fishing will potentially relive pressures put on other species, because of the broader range of rock fishes available. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Gilletti  
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From: **glenn chrisman** <[efishuntglc@aol.com](mailto:efishuntglc@aol.com)>  
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Gentlemen:

I appreciate the opportunity to write in solid support of opening up deeper waters off the northern California coast to sport fishing and the use of what I believe is called the Chillipepper long leader EFP. Depth restrictions have been in place a long time in Nor Cal. However, the Oregon coast has been opened up to the new terminal gear. Seems like there's an inconsistency here. I'm all for solid conservation measures, but if it works in Oregon it will work down here.

I've been a fisherman for a l-o-n-g time. It would be wonderful to go "outside" again and think it would be a darn good thing to spread us sport fisherman around more. We can go for a couple "new" species in deeper waters and take a little bit of pressure off the ones inside the limit. Sport fishing is about participating in a great sport and having fun ..... and also putting some good food on the table.

Please open up the deeper water to us and watch closely what happens. At least give us a chance. Maybe call it a test period of a couple years. You'll never really know how successful the new techniques and tackle can be along my coast line unless you allow people to fully use them. Why just Oregon???

Give us a break in Nor Cal.

Respectfully,

Glenn Chrisman  
Menlo Park, CA

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**From:** Kathryn Slater-carter <[kathryn.s.c@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.s.c@gmail.com)>  
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**Date:** May 30, 2018 at 1:59:55 PM PDT

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I support the Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP, Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4 submitted by Capt Tom Mattusch. Oregon has recently approved long leader fishing as was recently Federally approved from projects conducted 7 years ago. The RCA and the CCA have restricted areas accessible to recreational fishermen for some time. A commercial EFP showed a 25' leader tremendously reduced contact with species of special concern, like Yelloweye and Cowcod in California. With the implementation of MPA's that prevent fishing in certain nearshore areas, anglers have been pushed into smaller and smaller areas to fish. I support this innovative process to give anglers of California more fishing opportunities and experiences. Please help take pressure off nearshore stocks by approving this Exempted Fishery Permit. Permit anglers to target Federally classified underutilized species like chilipepper with this EFP. Many acknowledge stock assessment funding is lacking everywhere on the west coast. Stocks of yelloweye may actually be much higher than current studies show. Camera studies of Cowcod show many more than former techniques revealed. Yelloweye and Cowcod will not be impacted in this study. I urge you to permit anglers to enjoy greater depths and to pursue species they formerly enjoyed without restriction.

Kathryn Slater Carter

Ed Carter  
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I wish to support the subject EFP as an important step in researching the feasibility of recreational season for this species. As a member of the Coastside Fishing Club I support taking pressure off the near shore by pursuing underutilized species. I enjoy fishing and would like to target species outside the current depth limits. I support innovation and want to be part of this pilot project.

Bob Wilson

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I am writing to support Alternative #1 which allows an additional 10 tons of take for yelloweye rockfish. The letter from the Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers (HASA) explains all the reasons this would benefit the north state economy without harming the yelloweye rebuilding effort. I suspect that with the reinstatement of a salmon season in Northern California, we will see a shift in effort that will also take pressure off of the rockfish resource. The additional tonnage will assure a long season and may allow fishing at greater depth, taking pressure off the inshore fish such as black snapper. This will surely benefit both the recreational boaters, the charter boats, and the businesses that support them.

Thank you for considering Alternative #1, the best of the alternatives, both for the fish and for the fishery.

Tom Peters