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Mr. Phil Anderson, Chairman
Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Pl., Suite 101
Portland, OR 97220

RE: SaMTAAC alternatives/Purpose and Need statement

Dear Chairman Anderson and SaMTAAC members:

On behalf of the West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA), I am writing in support of Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee (SaMTAAC) alternatives that align with the goals and objectives of the [Amendment 20 Final Environmental Impact Statement](#) (A20 FEIS; Section 1.2.3).

In addition, the WCSPA supports the September 13, 2019, NMFS report on the Purpose and Need statement distributed to SaMTAAC members. This goes into greater detail and encompasses the concerns of our members. The NMFS report, as written, would support alternatives that align with the goals and objectives of both Amendment 20 and the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.

The WCSPA represents shoreside processors in Washington, Oregon and California whose fishermen target groundfish and Pacific hake (whiting). Our members have established global markets for both groundfish and whiting. Sablefish is a key component in our members' processing portfolios as well as necessary bycatch in other deepwater fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori L. Steele".

Lori Steele
Executive Director
West Coast Seafood Processors Association