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Cc: Austen Brown <austen@pacshell.com>, Jonathan Gonzalez <eatuseafood@gmail.com>, Jon Gonzalez <JGonzalez@pacseafood.com>

Dear Chair Anderson & Council Members,

I'm Chris Williams and I have been earning my living as a Commercial Fisherman for 36 years, fishing for Swordfish (CA DGN) for 23 of those years. Seeing the Measure "Revisit the 2009 proposed action to authorize a SSSL fishery outside the West Coast EEZ" included in the draft swordfish monitoring and management plan is encouraging to me. I am very interested in participating in this fishery if it were authorized. I see that this Measure is listed on the Councils Year-At-A-Glance for it's November 2018 meeting and I respectfully request that the Council make this a priority and keep it on the Agenda for that time.

I agree with Mr. Wilbur Ross when he states that increasing domestic seafood production & obtaining maximum sustainable yield for our fisheries is a real need, specifically when you look at our under utilized stock of Swordfish off the West Coast. This long line fishery would be in line with the Dept of Commerce's goals, as would it further the goal of fulfilling domestic consumer demand for Swordfish.

Respectfully,

Chris Williams
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From: **Austen Brown** <austen@pacshell.com>

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

Cc: John Gonzalez <eatuseafood@gmail.com>

Dear Chair Anderson & council members,

My name is Austen Brown and I am a 4th generation family of fisherman that have been targeting swordfish. I am extremely interested in participating in a SSSL fishery outside the EEZ if it were to be authorized. A west coast SSSL fishery I believe is greatly needed for our fisherman and our coastal economies. We have an incredible resource along our coast and it would be fantastic if we were able to harvest it. Our west coast swordfish stocks are under utilized and I hope that this can become a permitted fishery. SSSL fishery off the west coast would also allow us to further reduce our imports of swordfish from other parts of the world. I respectfully ask to please keep the scoping of the SSSL off the west coast on the November 2018 agenda as well as the LL SMMP. Thank you and I look forward to the growth of our west coast fisheries!

Respectfully,
Austen Brown

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Dr. Kit Dahl

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Via Email

Dear Dr. Dahl,

Please consider this as my Public Comment submission to the September 2018 PFMC meeting on agenda item **H.6**

I have been in support of increasing the US production of seafood for use by Americans for many years and you may recall my public comments to the Council noting that the demand in the US for swordfish is about 13,000 metric tons/year while the US production of swordfish is only about 3,000 metric tons/year.

After detailing that the stock of swordfish that lives in the Pacific off the US West Coast, and mostly north of Pt. Conception, has almost 5,000 metric tons of harvestable surplus I proposed in my comments to the Council that the US should develop a Pelagic FMP amendment that would allow US fishermen to fish for swordfish out of West Coast ports and land their product in those same ports and under the authority of the NMFS West Coast Region and PFMC.

Given that the mitigation measures associated with US pelagic longline gear (both shallow and deep set) have improved substantially over the past 10 or so years, and if all those measures are required by the NMFS, it seems to me that our impact on sea turtles, sea birds and marine mammals will be extremely low.

I continue to urge the Council and NMFS to move forward to develop an amendment to the PFMC Pelagic FMP that would allow US fishermen to use pelagic longline gear, including all the current and effective mitigation measures, to harvest swordfish and other pelagic PMUS in the Pacific Ocean off the US West Coast.

Respectfully,

John Hall

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President