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7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, OR 97220-1384

Attention: Carolyn Porter

My name is Mike Pettis.

Could you please see to it that my letter to the Management Council is added to the council's "Briefing book" for the upcoming March meeting in Sacramento?

Thank you Carolyn, I appreciate your help with this.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Pettis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'P'.

Mike Pettis

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Attention: Don Mclsaac & Council Members

My name is Mike Pettis, I am a longline fisherman and I have been participating in the fixed gear sablefish fishery for the past 27 years.

Approximately 10 years ago the Council implemented a fixed gear stacking provision. Enough time has passed now that the fleet has a good idea of how well the stacking provision is working and where there might be room for improvements. For the past several years there has been little opportunity for fixed gear fishermen to get their issues onto the council agenda since the Council has been very busy with trawl rationalization.

I think it is high time that the fixed gear sector of the groundfish industry gets some attention. Could the Council, as they are considering adjustments to the trawl rationalization, also consider adjustments to the fixed gear stacking provision? Could committees of fixed gear fishers recommend changes that could improve our situation? If the fixed gear fleet is forced to wait until all the trawl issues are perfected before our issues are addressed it will be a long time coming.

Please make some provision for fixed gear fishers to express their ideas and get some Council action toward making our fishery better. Our situation isn't perfect either.

Thank you for considering this request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Pettis".

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