

Agenda Item C.1
Supplemental P.C. 9
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Dan Wolford, Chairman

Pacific Fishery Management Council

Re. Open Public Comment

Mr. Chairman Members of the Council

My name is Bill James and I am a Commercial Nearshore Fishermen representing Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association. The following comments are in addition to comments sent February 9, 2012 requesting the Council to change § 660.330 to allow for "vessel limits" to be changed to allow multiple persons that hold Nearshore Permits to be able to fish together on one vessel and catch their Bi-monthly limit.

The change requested in my opinion meets the three management goals (Conservation, Economics, and Utilization) from the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan) and is also consistent with all 17 Objectives in the Groundfish Management Plan especially Objective 6 "Economics" ...Attempt to achieve the greatest possible net benefits to the fishing community. This change is also consistent and enhances the 10 National Standards in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006, especially National Standard 7,8,9,10. National standard #7 "Minimize costs and avoid duplication". National standard #8 "provide for sustained participation and minimize adverse impacts to fishers and fishing communities. National standard #9 Minimize bi-catch or mortality of bi-catch. National standard #10 Promote safety at sea. Please consider these changes, Sincerely, Bill James for PSLCFA