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Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

My name is Charles Case. I am a fisherman out of Port Orford, Oregon. I have 3 boats and permits for the longline sablefish fishery. At times there are bycatch halibut in the course of pursuing the sablefish. At this time we are not allowed to retain the halibut but must release them. I feel that it would be a better use of the accidental bycatch of halibut to allow them to be kept and taken to market, as often they do not survive once released, their mouths are damaged and they will subsequently die upon release. When targeting the blackcod there is usually not many halibut caught by accident so I do not feel that it will have a great or negative impact to the halibut population.

Sincerely,

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council, please consider  
bycatch retention for halibut, for all groundfish participants in the 2A(non tribal) area. as a  
groundfish participant i am aware of mortality rates for halibut, and it seems a crime to kill fish  
unintentionally, then later, go target the same fish. often in unsafe, derby conditions. i do think it is  
sound management to take halibut thru the year, here and there, and avoid the rockcod bycatch  
when targeting halibut, pushing near closed grounds. in my opinion, all  
groundfishers, endorsed, unendorsed, and open access should be included in any changes to policy..  
thank you for your consideration.

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