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Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 N.E. Ambassador Place Suite 101
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Re: Washington Albacore tuna bag limit proposal

Dear Council Members;

The Ilwaco Charter Association is asking the council to put this matter on hold and wait until we find out what the 2011 stock assessment indicates and then we can sit down with all the users and states and see what action we might have to take at that time and putting Washington equal to other states. We have no conservation issue at this time so we feel we should wait. This way we are making our decisions on facts and solid numbers and not perception.

It would be unfair to Washington fishers to make a change now, when in 18 months from now we might have to make another change. This would have some very serious consequences to the charter industry and the sport fishing on the coast of Washington. So I'm asking you to please go with the status quo until the 2011 stock assessment comes out.

We are also in full support and agree with the Westport Charter Associations statements on this issue. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Butch Smith

President Ilwaco Charter Assoc.