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Chris Oliver North Pacific Fisheries Management Council 605 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 306 Anchorage, AK 99501

## Dear Chris:

I am writing to you today to ask that the NPFMC consider changes to the Sablefish IFQ program. It is my understanding that the IFQ committee has been reformed and will meet before the October council meeting. I am proposing two changes to the "A" share Sablefish program:

- Remove the block system for "A" shares
- Increase the "A" share ownership cap

Making these changes to the program would allow "A" share participants to use their vessels more effectively. Under the current system it is marginally practical to catch small amounts of Sablefish on a freezer vessel.

I will gladly provide you with more information and will be available to participate at the committee meeting, if you could put this on the agenda.

Thank you for consideration,

David Little

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cc. Bob Alverson, Don Iverson