



Coalition for the Atlantic Herring Fishery's Orderly, Informed and Responsible Long-Term Development

FAX COVER SHEET

To: Pat Kurkul, (978) 281-9207

From: Steve Weiner, CHOIR Coalition

Fax #: (978) 687-3036

RE: Midwater trawling in Groundfish Closed Areas

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Comment: We received these comments regarding your decision regarding midwater trawling in Groundfish Closed Areas. If you have any trouble receiving this fax, please let me know. My email is: weinersb@comcast.net
And I can be reached at (978) 475-9308.

Thanks

December 1, 2008

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NOAA/NMFS
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

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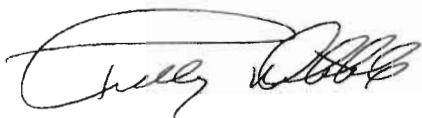
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 (concerned citizen)

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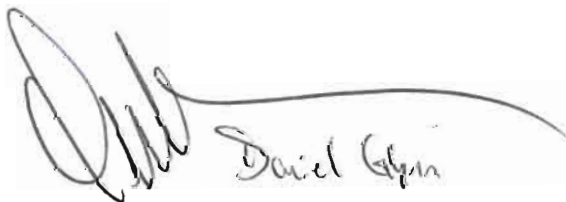
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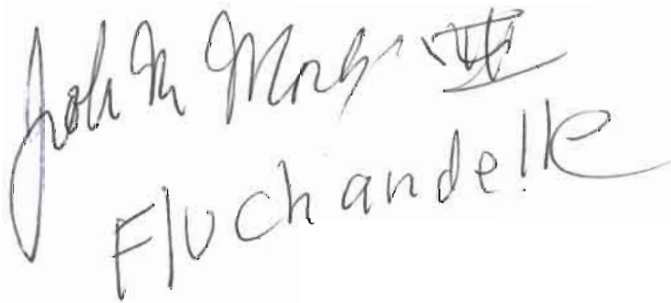
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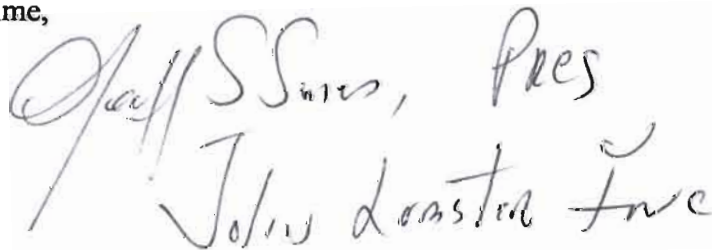
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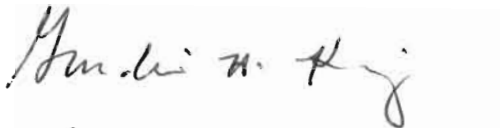
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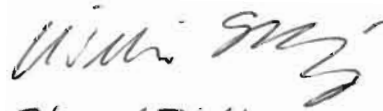
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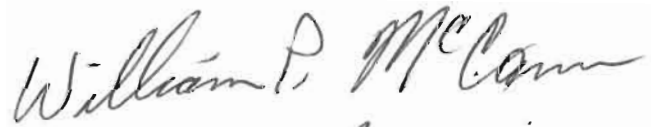
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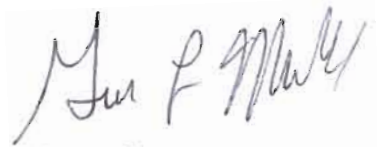
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