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**This letter was received via e-mail on November 8, 2008**

Dear New England Fisheries Management Council;

As I will most likely be unavailable for the November 20th council meeting, and since I was not allowed to voice all my concerns regarding permit stacking and leasing at the Nov. 3rd council meeting in Warwick RI, I am voicing them to you now in this letter. It has been demonstrated in the past in other fisheries that permit stacking and leasing has resulted in monopoly which in turn has caused loss of jobs and opportunity for related businesses. In light of our recent election our President elect and his new administration who are committed to preserving jobs and opportunity for small businesses will be taking a dim view of permit stacking and leasing. Congressman Frank who represents New Bedford, Mass., will also be taking a dim view of permit stacking and leasing which will cause the loss of jobs, great stress and loss of opportunity to related businesses. I challenge the members of the New England Council to strike permit stacking and leasing from the current document. If they do not do this I intend to contact my congressman and the new administration to make sure that these measures do not go forward. I have done this in the past, the New England Council unanimously voted to exclude limited access vessels from fishing under general category. I had to resort to contacting President Bush who in turn contacted Dr. Hogarth of The New England Fisheries Service and that issue was resolved in our favor. I intend to fight against permit stacking and leasing even more vehemently through my representatives in congress and US Senate and Presidency because it is Un-American.

Thank you for your consideration,

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