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**Mr. John Pappalardo, Chair
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street
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Dear Mr. Pappalardo,

As the owner of two 90 foot boats designed for up to 10 day trips, I am concerned with the Skate Amendment 3. The proposed 1900 pound trip limit is totally inadequate for a trip boat. It would virtually remove the species for the income stream.

The same possession limit for day boats and trip boats is inequitable. A day boat could catch 1900 pounds a day for seven consecutive days, for a weekly catch of 13,300 pounds. The same time period would only allow a trip boat a catch of 1900 pounds. This is akin to limiting to 10 the number of passengers a plane could fly. Fine for a small commuter plane that may make 20 trips a day but totally unworkable for a transatlantic flight. Different circumstances require different limits.

A smaller limit based on a daily basis would work better, even were the limit halved, after all it would be laughable to ask Virgin Atlantic to operate with a ten passenger limit.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem, I realize this is an issue which will continue to haunt us until all species are put on an ITQ system.

Once again, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Lawrence P. Kavanagh, Jr.
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