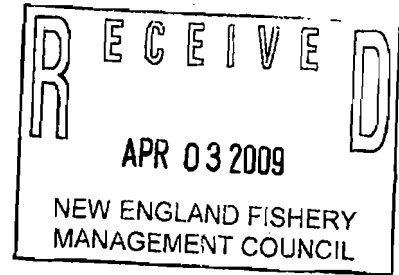


John Pappalardo, Chairman  
 New England Fishery Management Council  
 50 Water Street, Mill 2  
 Newburyport, MA 01950  
 March 29, 2009



Dear Chairman Pappalardo:

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Sincerely,

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<i>Captain Charles T. Conell</i>	F/V Miss Janelle
<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V Helen H
RUSSELL E. CLEARY <i>Russell E. Cleary</i>	For: Commercial Anglers Assoc.
<i>Drew Foley</i>	F/U Ruben James
THOMAS TRAINA <i>Thomas C. Traina</i>	F/U SUE-Z
<i>Renee Gagne</i>	<i>→ should support long-line boats</i>
<i>Renee D. Gagne</i>	
<i>Charles Fitch</i>	
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<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V MISS FITZ Permit #232108
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<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V SEA CHASE
<i>[Signature]</i>	Alicia Ann
<i>[Signature]</i>	SEA WIN
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<i>[Signature]</i>	RUEBY
<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V Wildwood
<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V Kittiwake
<i>[Signature]</i>	F/V Cova #233175



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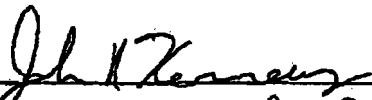
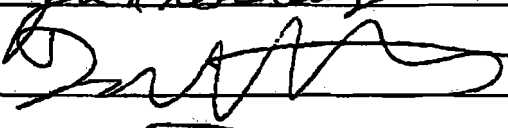
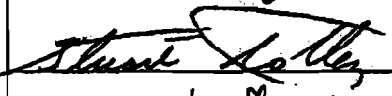
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Milton Healy	Fisherman
Dante Chase	Fisherman
L. Smith	Fisherman
Bruce Kaminski	F/U NEVER ENOUGH
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William Westcott Sr.	
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