

New England Fisheries Management Council
 50 Water St
 Mill 2
 Newburyport MA 01950



Dear Mr. Pappalardo:

Paul Lemieux
 102 Wamsutta St.
 New Bedford, MA 02740

My name is _____ and I own a shore side business,

(print name)

BLUE FLEET WELDING INC. located in NEW BEDFORD, MA.

(name of business)

(city/state)

A great deal of my income is derived from the scallop fishery and I object to the New England Fisheries Management Council's proposal to allow scallop vessels to stack more than one permit on a vessel. Each permit that is stacked onto another vessel reduces the number of vessels in the fleet thereby reducing my income and potential income.

With the National Marine Fisheries' continual reduction of ground fish days at sea, I rely more and more on the scallop fishery fleet to maintain my business and ensure my employees continue to have a job in the difficult financial times we all face. To allow permit stacking in one of the only viable and profitable fishing industries in the northeast may be the final nail in the coffin of many shore side businesses already affected by the collapse in the ground fish industry.

I, and my business, have proudly worked for and supported the local fishermen and I would like to add my voice in opposition to the New England Fishery Management Council's capacity reduction proposal.

Sincerely,

cc: Council, DB (3/24)

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Dear Mr. Pappalardo:

My name is ROBERT LABELLE and I own a shore side business,
(print name)
LABELLE SHORE EWG. located in NEW BEDFORD, MASS
(name of business) (city/state)

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert L. Belle".